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Delhi, Dhaka river talks progress

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25 (AFP) — India and Bangladesh took a first step toward settling the longterm dispute over the sharing of common river waters.

In the latest three meetings of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint River Commission which ended here Friday evening, the two nations agreed on "pre-feasibility studies" regarding proposals to increase the lean-period flow on the Ganges.

The meeting also discussed a water-sharing formula for the Teesta, which is to be finalized at the next JRC meeting, in Dhaka, early February.

A joint statement said that eight experts from both countries will implement proposals on the Ganges issue, a more controversial subject than other rivers concerned.

Bangladesh Irrigation Minister A.Z.M. Obaidullah Khan and his Indian counterpart Kedar Pande told a joint press conference that the next Dhaka meeting would examine the experts' recommendations, due to be set out in six weeks.

The water availability of border rivers such as Manu, Mahuri, Khosai and Gomti, were also discussed at the meeting where "significant" progress was reportedly made.

This was the JRC's first meeting since Bangladesh military leader Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad met with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Oct. 6.

On Friday, India and Pakistan failed to reach agreement on a non-aggression pact proposed by Islamabad or a treaty of peace and friendship suggested by New Delhi.

Russia keen on China ties

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has said Moscow is ready "to do all in its power" to normalize relations with China.

Tass news agency Friday night said Gromyko emphasized that improving relations with China could help strengthen peace in Asia and the whole world.

After giving China an assurance that the Soviet Union was prepared to do and was doing everything it could to ensure that relations would be normalized and would develop favorably, Gromyko noted with satisfaction that China had recently "reacted positively" to the Soviet attitude.

Sound of music infuriates bull

MANILA, Dec. 25 (AP) — While music may have charms to soothe the savage beast, music did nothing for Juanito Castillo's water buffalo.

The buffalo apparently was so enraged by the sound of the string instruments of a 6-man music group it charged the merry-makers, growing and trampling them all and injuring one person seriously, the Philippine News Agency reported.

PNA said the incident occurred Thursday in north of Manila, while the group was singing in front of Castillo's house.

Gene splicing era dawns

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP) — Ten years ago a casual conversation between two biologists led to the first manipulation of human genes, a milestone that offered spectacular promise in the quest to heal the sick. In 1982, that promise began to be realized.

In October, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved for the first time a drug made by genetic engineering. The drug, synthetic human insulin, heralds a revolution in treatment of disease, a revolution that capped the news in science and medicine this year.

The news in medicine was not all good, however. In perhaps the most troubling development of the year, researchers at the U.S. centers for disease control in Atlanta, Georgia, charted the spread of a menacing new illness in which the body's defenses crumble, allowing a variety of otherwise uncommon diseases to appear — including cancer.

The illness, called acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, appears to be infectious, but its cause is unknown. The disease first arose in homosexuals, but soon spread to other groups and was recently found in a 20-month-old infant who apparently contracted it from a blood transfusion.

Important advances were made in physics and astronomy. And history was made at the University of Utah, where the world's first permanent artificial heart was implanted in the chest of 61-year-old Barney Clark.

Two new vaccines appeared in 1982. One prevents hepatitis, and has been recommended to doctors, dentists and others at high risk for the disease. The other is aimed at protecting livestock against foot-and-mouth disease, a costly ailment that has an important effect on the world food supply.

It was in biology, however, where the most noteworthy progress was made. The techniques for combining human and animal genes, conceived by Stanley Cohen of Stanford University and Herb Boyer of the University of California, are now producing results.

The two biologists were in Hawaii for a scientific meeting. Cohen told Boyer about a tiny loop of genetic material he had isolated that could be inserted in bacteria. Boyer described an enzyme he had found that would clip that loop and allow a foreign gene to be inserted into it. The two techniques used together, they realized, would allow them to put a foreign gene, such as a human gene, into bacteria — and genetic engineering was born.

Last summer, British researchers reported that a nasal spray containing genetically engineered interferon could prevent many forms of one of medicine's most perplexing foes — the common cold.

Cairo trial defendants turn their back on judges

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (AP) — Defendants in the trial of 300 Muslim activists turned their backs on their judges and faced the wall as the prosecutor, read out the indictment charging them with an attempted coup and requesting the death penalty for all but three of them.

God is our protector and he is the best champion," the defendants chanted several times as they made the about-face while seated in 12 of the 16 cages into which the massive dock was partitioned in a makeshift courtroom, originally an exhibition hall on Cairo's fair grounds.

Judge Abdul-Ghaffar Muhammad Ahmed, president of the three-man state security tribunal, did not object to the about-face. But he took strong exception to the chants and threatened to take punitive action.

Soviets see early end of Gulf war

KUWAIT, Dec. 25 (AP) — A noted Soviet author and theoretician on Arab and Asian affairs was quoted Saturday as saying the feeling in Moscow is that the 27-month-old war between Iraq and Iran is nearing a close.

He said the warring sides are getting tired, their military potentials are gradually depleting, and many countries are laboring to bring the war to an end.

He claimed that the Gulf war was "provoked by the United States, which tries to impose its hegemony on the Gulf region and its oil riches."

"The United States would not have been able to stage its Rapid Deployment Force maneuvers in Oman if the (Gulf) war was not on," he said. "Today, the war avails the Americans a pretext to intervene militarily and claim to be guarding the Gulf."

Bandarevski said the Soviets "twice warned the United States against intervening in the Gulf region."

The first warning was in 1978, he said, when the "Americans were bent on intervening in Iran to protect the Shah." The second was in 1980, when the "Americans wanted to intervene and release the (U.S. diplomatic) hostages, bomb (the Iranian religious center of) Qom and assassinate Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini."

against the defendants if they continued to interrupt the reading of the indictment.

The defendants subsequently remained silent throughout the reading, their backs still turned to the judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers and about 100 spectators alike.

The protest about-face came minutes after chief prosecutor Ragaa El-Araby began reading the 12-charge indictment topped by the accusation that the defendants, belonging to an underground "terrorist" group named Al-Jihad (holy struggle), had attempted to topple the government.

Elizabeth ignores leftist protests

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II refused demands by British leftists to change references to the Falklands War from her annual Christmas Day message, and the taped speech was broadcast on radio and television as originally planned.

A political storm erupted Friday, after the text of the message became known, over an approving reference by the queen to Britain's fight to reclaim the South Atlantic islands from Argentina.

Leftists accused her of meddling in politics while supporters of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in turn denounced the leftists for seeking to embroil the queen in a debate over the war.

In the message, the monarch paid tribute to Britain's naval might and said: "Earlier this year in the South Atlantic, the Royal Navy and the merchant navy enabled our sailors, soldiers and airmen to go to the rescue of the Falklands Islanders 8,000 miles (12,870 km) across the ocean — and to reveal the professional skills and courage that could be called on in defense of basic freedoms."

Labor member of parliament Tam Dalyell, a persistent critic of Mrs. Thatcher's decision to send a task force to reclaim the Falklands, wrote Buckingham Palace urging the queen to change the text of the message. Dalyell said that without change, it threatened to "land the crown in the middle of a ferocious political controversy."

But Conservative member of parliament Harry Greenway said Dalyell was "totally wrong to draw the queen into a conflict."

Gromyko, Hartman confer U.S. seeks details on Andropov offer

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (AP) — U.S. ambassador Arthur Hartman and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met for 90 minutes Friday at Hartman's request.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the meeting was held at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, and that "the main topic of conversation was arms control and we were looking for some clarification on some elements of Andropov's speech" in the Kremlin Tuesday.

The spokesman said Hartman also "offered U.S. views on some additional topics as well." The official declined to elaborate, other than to say that Hartman has met "several times" with Gromyko since Hartman was posted to Moscow a year ago.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said questions of "Soviet-American relations, including those related to the current talks between the sides in Geneva on the limitation of nuclear armaments" were discussed.

Tass said Gromyko urged the United States to seriously study the European arms

reduction proposal made by Andropov in his speech during a Kremlin gathering to observe the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet state.

Andropov said the Soviets were willing to cut their arsenal of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe to a level of those deployed by Britain and France. He said this must be accompanied by cuts in strategic — nuclear weapons-carrying — aircraft stationed in Europe by the Soviets and the NATO alliance.

But Western diplomats said the Soviet proposal was ambiguous because it did not say what the Soviets meant by Europe, nor did it specify whether the missiles would be dismantled or merely moved to Soviet Asia, where they would still be within striking distance of Western Europe.

Meanwhile West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl made an appeal to the Soviet Union to reconsider its stance in achieving disarmament.

"The Soviet Union is expected this year to give its answer to the West's offer to achieve peace out through more and more weapons, but through the fewest possible," Kohl said in an article written for the *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper.

Kohl said "there can be no doubt that 1983 must end with the deployment of new missiles" in Western Europe if ongoing disarmament talks in Geneva between the United States and Soviet Union fail.

Rift denied with Lagos

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SFA) — An official spokesman Saturday refuted newspaper reports that Saudi Arabia and Nigeria held opposing views within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The spokesman said Saudi Arabia always regards Nigeria as an important stabilizing factor in OPEC. He added that Nigeria's positive stand to preserve OPEC's unity and strength are beyond suspicion.

Riyadh rebuts report

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia on Saturday categorically denied that a delegation of religious dignitaries from the Kingdom visited Tehran.

According to rumors, a delegation from the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry was to visit Tehran shortly to invite Khomeini to visit Saudi Arabia and perform the Umrah. An official spokesman said the news was baseless.



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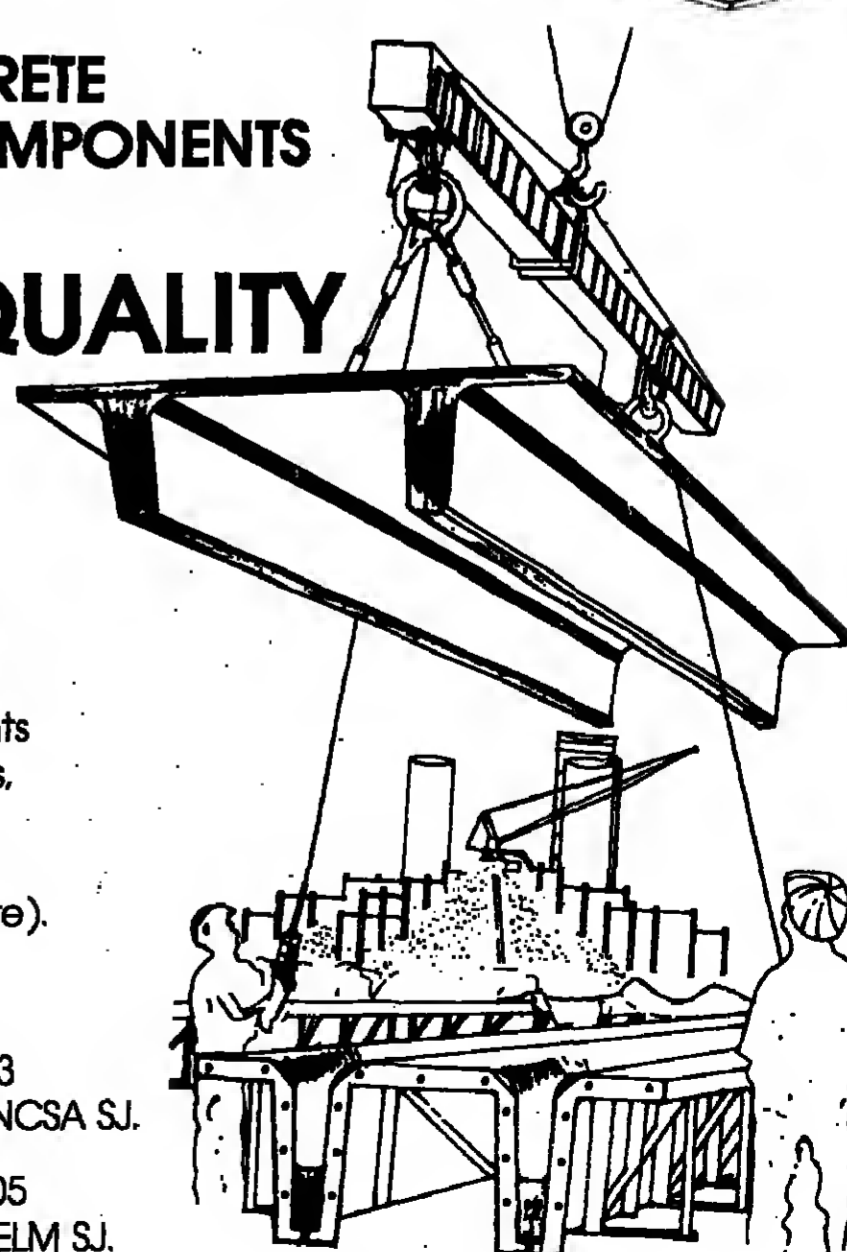
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Solaim affirms free trade belief

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim affirmed the Kingdom's belief in free trade and its stand against any obstacles intended to curb the free flow of commodities between various parts of the world whether through imposing taxes or asking for fulfilling unreasonable bureaucratic measures.

The minister, who was talking to the BBC in a broadcast announced in London Saturday, said that he appreciates the difficulties encountered by Europe and Japan. He said he hopes that they will be removed since the Kingdom will enter the petrochemicals market as an exporter and it expects to be treated by the importers as it treats other exporters to its market.

Dr. Solaim affirmed the basic policy of the Kingdom, saying that although it is not a member of the General Agreement of Trade and Tariff (GATT), it believes in imposing little or no taxes at all.

Economic activity depends on the private sector, the minister went on to say. And the government is adopting a policy of encouraging this sector. Tax exemption, interest-free loans and nominal prices for land, electricity and water are intended to encourage these activities.

Yemen lauds Kingdom relief efforts

SAANA, Dec. 25 — A North Yemeni newspaper Saturday reiterated Yemeni officials' appreciation of the generous relief aid the Kingdom has sent to the victims of the Dhamar earthquake.

N. Yemen's needs

SAANA, (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador to North Yemen Tarrad Al-Harith met Prime Minister Abdulla-Karim Al-Iryani, here Saturday. Their talks covered latest reports on the loss of life and property in the earthquake which jolted the Dhamar Region of North Yemen two weeks ago.

Intelligence Service decreed

RIYADH, (SPA) — A royal decree was promulgated Saturday ratifying the statute of the Presidency of the Intelligence Service. The decree, number five, was signed, on behalf of King Fahd, by Crown Prince Abdullah, the commander of the National Guard.

Chatti in Pakistan

KUALA LUMPUR, (SPA) — Organization of the Islamic Conference Secretary



Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim

Pakistan team promotes potato export

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 25 — A five-member trade delegation from Pakistan will be visiting the Kingdom from Jan. 2 through 10 as part of a drive to promote the export of potatoes.

The delegation, which will tour Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Makkah and Medina, will also hold talks with the officials of the Commerce Ministry and the chambers of commerce and industry. Rashid Al-Bakr, director general in the Foreign Trade Department of the Commerce Ministry, told Arab News Saturday.

The September 26 Weekly quoted the prime minister as saying the Saudi Arabian assistance reflected the close ties between the peoples of North Yemen and its northern neighbor.

BRIEFS

General Habib Chatti left here Friday night for Pakistan concluding a one-day visit to Malaysia. Chatti, who is on an Asian tour, conferred with Malaysian Premier Mahathir Muhammad on the Islamic Peace Mission's efforts to end the Iraqi-Iranian war.

Stadium inaugurated

QASIM, (SPA) — Qassim Governor Prince Abdul Illah inspected here Saturday the SR300 million youth welfare stadium. The governor was briefed on the construction stage of the project which comprises indoor halls for various sports, in addition to a football field, a mosque, a theater, a hostel, a swimming pool, and out-door tennis courts.

GCC February meeting

JEDDAH, — Foreign Ministers of the Arabian Gulf States Cooperation Council will meet in Riyadh, Feb. 19, to discuss the

Manpower council discusses foreign labor, training issues

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 25 — The Manpower Council, meeting under Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister, Saturday focused on vocational and technical training centers in Saudi Arabia and the expatriate force.

Dr. Hussein Mansour, the council's secretary general, said that the activities of the existing training centers in the Kingdom were evaluated along with the obstacles that face them and the means to remove such obstacles.

The council also reviewed a series of reports from various quarters on national and

foreign labor and the role to be played by the public and private sectors to develop national manpower. At a previous session, the council had drawn up an overall strategy for national manpower. Saturday night, it reviewed the operation of each government department and the changes that should be introduced in education and training curricula.

Well informed sources said that the meeting also reassessed the country's need for foreign workers in the light of the development plan's requirements. The council decided to regulate labor recruitment from abroad, survey the expatriates on the local labor market and remedy the situation of "convincing" alien manpower. Special committees had been set up for that purpose.

The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari, Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, Dr. Ghazi Aljosaibi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister; Muhammad Abu Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy; Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwajri, assistant deputy commander of the National Guard; Turki Khaleel Al-Sudairi, the head of the Civil Service Board; Dr. Abdul Wahhab Altar, governor of the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training; and Dr. Hussein Mansour, the council's secretary general.

Industrial city development plan contract signed

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — A SR69,970,000 contract was signed here by Dr. Ghazi Aljosaibi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister, Saturday for the development and expansion of the second phase of the industrial city at Al-Qasim. The phase, covering a 750,000 square meter area, will take 24 months to complete.

Well drilling contract awarded

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — A SR3.35 million contract was awarded here by the Agriculture and Water Ministry for drilling a number of wells in Hail and Asir regions. Undersecretary for Water Affairs Abdullah Al-Musaid gave approval for commissioning the projects which are to be completed within 11 months. The wells come under a scheme by the ministry which aims at providing drinking water to all villages and towns of the Kingdom.

GCC finance ministers begin talks

MANAMA, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Finance ministers from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) started two days of meetings here Saturday to discuss standardizing customs practices and coordinating investment, monetary and banking policies.

The ministers will also talk about implementing their earlier discussion on the Gulf Investment Institute and their economic agreement on customs exemptions between GCC countries.

Customs officials from the six states ended a series of preparatory meetings on standardizing customs charges on imports to the Gulf and measures to protect the area's fledgling industries.

latest developments on the Arab scene. They will also take up economic issues and review the progress in the implementation. The council's leaders last met in Bahrain, *Okaz* reported Saturday.

Development plan booklet

JEDDAH, — The Planning Ministry has produced an English booklet on Saudi Arabia's First and Second Five-Year Development Plans and begun to distribute it to embassies and educational establishments abroad. *Al-Jazirah* reported Saturday. The booklet was first published in Arabic, a few months ago.

March business conference

DAMMAM, — The first conference for Saudi businessmen will be held here at the beginning of March, *Al-Jazirah* reported Saturday.



Prince Sultan

Indian official arrives for bilateral talks

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — Indian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary Romesh Bhandari will arrive here Sunday on a three-day visit of the Kingdom to discuss details of the forthcoming non-aligned summit meeting with leading officials according to Indian Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Yogesh Tiwari.

He told *Arab News*, he is expected to hold talks on Monday with Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Abdul Rahman Mansouri on bilateral relations and matters of common interest.

During his stay Bhandari is also expected to meet leading Saudi Arabian industrialists for a follow up discussion. During last two months these industrialists had visited India and had meetings with leading Indian ministers, officials and businessmen and had visited some of the industrial plants, he added.

UPM experiments with solar ponds

DAMMAM, Dec. 25 — The energy sources department at the University of Petroleum and Minerals is running an experiment on the development of solar ponds to determine how useful they are in cooling and desalting water or in the generation of electric power in general. *Okaz* reported Saturday.

56 persons get SR20m land compensation

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — Riyadh Municipality published in *Al-Jazirah* Saturday the names of 56 persons wanted for the distribution of SR20 million in compensation for expropriation in connection with the area west of Al-Difa'e (Defense). They are requested to present themselves at 'Al-Murabba'e' North Municipality with their ownership deeds.

Kingdom pays Arab mineral map costs

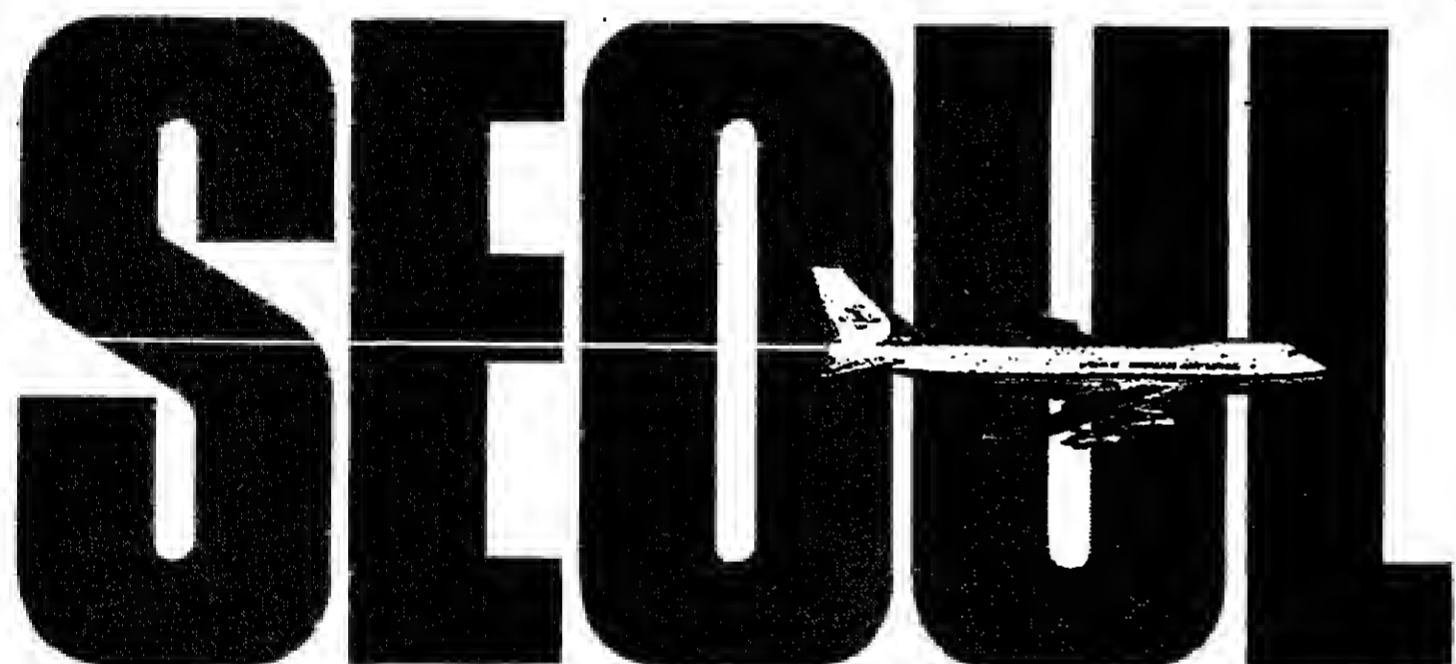
RABAT, Dec. 25 (SPA) — The Kingdom has decided to meet the cost of drawing the Arab geological and minerals map. Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources described the plan here at the opening of the fourth session of the Ministerial Council of the Arab Organization of Mineral Resources. The map and its preparation will cost 21.7 million Moroccan dirhams.

The conference held two sessions Friday and discussed next year's budget and a plan to expand the higher mining institute in Marrakech to enable it to enroll students from all over the Arab world. The meeting will discuss ways of extending help to Somalia and Mauritania in the field of exploration.

Ahmad Al-Alawi, the organization's secretary-general, reviewed the activities of the organization and pointing that its lack of proper resources did not enable it to carry out its proposed study on copper.



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Agricultural Bank extends 37,446 loans totaling SR2.9 billion

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — The Agricultural Bank extended 37,446 loans totaling SR2,932,902,061 to farmers and sponsors of agricultural projects during fiscal year 1404/1405H (1981/82) to help them procure the necessary equipment, according to the bank's annual report.

Short term loans deprived of subsidies and repayable over a year were a minority. The greater part of the lending was medium-term loans for reimbursement over periods of up to ten years. The largest single category of loans went towards supplying more water for irrigation. They totaled SR815 million, constituting 28.7 percent of all the loans extended by the bank.

Loans for agricultural projects totaled SR745 million to co-finance 149 projects. Poultry projects totaled 66 for which SR107 million was granted to produce 501 million eggs a year.

Another 23 projects were given SR160 million to produce an annual 22,192 tons of vegetables in green houses covering an area of 827,000 square meters. Some SR75 million was extended for 11 wheat and animal feed projects. The funds were used to plant 5,304 hectares and produce 30,669 tons of wheat annually.

The loans also helped finance 14 calf and sheep rearing programs which took a total SR89 million to produce 324,895 heads per annum.

Two cow rearing and dairy projects were given SR25,476,794 to produce 6,500 tons of milk every year. Another SR6 million was allocated by the bank for two fruit sapling and timber projects as well as two apicultural projects.

Total loans for agricultural machinery in 1981/82 amounted to SR352 million (12 percent of all loans). They were used to procure 5,286 ploughing machines, 330 tractors, 553 harvesting machines and other equipment. Another SR336 million (11.5 percent of all loans) were earmarked for cultivating fallow lands. Agricultural installations took SR242 million (8.3 percent of the loans) from the bank. They included cement water tanks, workers' rooms and other structures.

Some SR17 million was extended for fishing and apiculture projects. Of that sum, SR11 million was used for the purchasing of 134 fishing boats and other equipment. Bee raisers obtained SR6 million to procure 6,773 beehives.

Education projects under execution total SR126m in Hafr-El-Baten

HAFR-EL-BATEN, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Education Ministry projects under execution here total SR126,923,730, whereas last year they amounted to SR46,753,109 for the construction of 20 schools and a building for a health unit, according to the zone's education director Saud Al-Zamel.

Right now, nine elementary schools and one intermediate school are under construction at the cost of SR49,279,982, the official pointed out.

Saudia passengers up in S. Province

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — The number of Saudia passengers from the Southern Province until the end of November stood at 1,046,500 and is expected to increase by eight percent in 1983, a spokesman for the national air carrier said Thursday.

Additional post boxes to meet rising mail volume

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — The addition of 35,000 post boxes will join the already existing 20,000 boxes here to meet the increasing volume of the postal traffic according to Jeddah Area Postal Director Abdul Aziz Hassaballah. He said that around 29,500 letters arrive in Jeddah daily plus

Also under construction are administrative buildings for the area's education department, a student hostel, additional court yards, two public libraries and central warehouses. They will cost a total SR77,643,748 and be completed within a year and a half.

The construction of another five schools is about to be commissioned. By the end of the current academic year, 99 percent of school buildings in the area will belong to the ministry, he added.

The spokesman told *Al-Bilad* that the Southern Province outranked other areas in that the figure was 18 percent higher than what was planned for 1982. Saudia staff in the area total 595.

240,000 international letters forwarded by his administration.

The Jeddah department is in charge of 22 postal centers inside the city and in near by villages. Already the new post complex in the downtown has been received and were used in improving the working conditions.

Britain has more than 2,000 Saudi students

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — There are more than 2,000 Saudi Arabian students in Britain, according to Dr. Noayman Abdul Rahman Othman, the Saudi Arabian Educational Attaché for Technical Affairs there. He told *Al-Madinah* that most of the students were

reading their post graduate studies in natural social and human sciences and medicine. There are also officials from the various ministries and private firms receiving training in that country.



Prince Majed

IDB's 7th annual meeting opens March 1

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will open, March 1, the seventh annual meeting of the board of governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the finance ministers of the Islamic countries members of the bank. The meeting will be attended by Saudi Arabia's Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali said that the two-day meeting will review the bank's activities during the outgoing year and its closing accounts.

Arab Football Federation meets

DOHA, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal bin Fahd attended meetings which opened here Saturday of the executive bureau and the general assembly of the Arab Football Federation. Prince Faisal is the federation chairman. He was met at the airport by Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Omani head of the Olympic Committee.

Audio-visual labs to be used for Quran teaching

DAMMAM, Dec. 25 — English language audio-visual laboratories now in use in the Eastern Province will not be used exclusively for English, a senior education official said.

The official, Dr. Said Ateyyah Abu Ali, the area's education director general, said that the labs will also be used for Holy Quran teaching, other subjects and social activities. According to *Al-Madinah*, modern audio-visual educational systems were introduced here before other Saudi Arabian provinces.

Foundation receives SR4m donations

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed, the head of Jeddah Philanthropic Foundation has received donations totalling SR4 million, *Al-Madinah* reported.

New customs guide for goods clearance issued

RIYADH, Dec. 25 — The Customs Department has issued a new guide to help nationals clear their goods by themselves without seeking the assistance of a professional, *Okaz* reported. The guide, distributed for free indicates the various stages for the customs procedure. In cases where the merchandise is worth less than SR10,000, in non-commercial quantities, it may be cleared simultaneously.

100 telephones being installed daily in Madinah

MADINAH, Dec. 25 — More than 100 telephones are installed here every day by Saudi Telephone teams, *Okaz* reported. Each team installs an average 7,416 telephone

Tree-planting weeks planned Officials discuss Taif, Makkah projects

TAIF, Dec. 25 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will preside over a meeting today to review and examine Taif's present and future projects, *Okaz* reported. Taif Governor Saleh Al-Salem will confer Monday with the area's security officials to draw up a plan aimed at developing security services at the resort city.

Taif Municipality has imported ten thousand saplings within the context of preparations for the plant-a-tree week here. The saplings, imported from Tunisia, were selected from the most suitable varieties to the local climate. They arrived on two chartered Saudia planes last Sunday. A municipal spokesman said that the overall price of the deal came to SR1 million. The saplings will be distributed to the various areas this week.

Seminar on financial planning ends, managers trained in computer use

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 25 — A five-day seminar on financial planning (micro-computer applications) was concluded here recently at the premises of Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The seminar, jointly organized by the Saudi Chambers' Council and Paris Chamber of Commerce was designed to train senior managers in financial planning techniques utilizing micro-computers.

The main topics covered during the five days were: (1) financial flow and how to plan them; (2) working capital needs; (3) relationships between the evolution of activity and the need for funds; (4) development of a systematic approach for describing strategic development paths in financial terms; (5) sensitivity analysis using micro-computers; (6) impact of financing policy on future profitability and risk of capital expenditures; (7) assessing the profitability and risk of capital expenditures; and (8) further problems in financial planning, decision analysis and

micro-computer applications. The participants in the seminar were taught how to use micro-computers to solve financial problems. They were given practical lessons to develop a comprehensive framework within which they can assess the financial metabolism of a business firm.

They were also taught how to describe and assess, in financial terms, the strategic development paths available to a business firm with due regard to profitability and risk. The course also included information about the utilization of micro-computer software capabilities to design financial plans including identification of objectives, generation of alternatives, explicit recognition of uncertainty, evaluation of results and the use of micro-computer technology to solve financial problems.

Sherwood Frey, professor of business administration of Colgate Darden Business School, University of Virginia, and Michel Schlosser, professor of business administration of Center France Proche Orient, France were the faculty for the seminar.

Vocational institute's housing plans will be handed over in June 1983

ABHA, Dec. 25 (SPA) — A SR132,500,000 project for the construction of housing units at Abha's vocational training institute will be handed over next June according to the director of the institute Mansour Al-Qahatani.

The director said that there were 365

Training center gets medical devices

DAMMAM, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Under an expansion plan, Dammam's Industrial Training Center is equipping its health unit with advanced medical devices. The center is one of the General Organization for Technical Education and Vocational Training institutes.

The institute director, Abdul Rahman

Ahsa electricity service expansion considered

AHSA, Dec. 25 (SPA) — The Ahsa projects coordination and follow up committee met here to discuss improving public services in the town. The meeting was chaired by Ahsa Mayor Hamad Al-Sughair and attended by representatives from telephone,

trainers at present at the institute in two shifts, morning and afternoon. Some 144 are expected to pass their tests at the end of this month, including 38 from the morning courses and 106 from the evening courses. Since its inception in 1972, a total of 2,587 persons completed their training at the institute.

Al-Lubaikhan, said that an internal asphaltting, and storm water drainage system project has been received recently after its completion. The project cost SR755,000, he added. Now, students training at the center reached 318 attending electricity, general mechanics, minerals and car mechanics departments. Lubaikhan said.

electricity, water and sewage and traffic departments in the region.

Participants discussed expansion of the electricity services through a system of channels to new residential districts and areas. The committee also extended the validity of excavation, filling and re-asphalting licenses for the sewage project of Hofuf.

Vocational center invites applications

WADI AL-DAWASER, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Applications have been invited for several training courses by the vocational training center here and Jan. 14 has been fixed as the final date for registration. Study on the five-month courses in car mechanics, welding, carpentry and electricity will start Jan. 15.

diq held a meeting recently with heads of government departments in his district to discuss how each one will participate in Makkah's plant-a-tree week. It was decided during the meeting that 1,200 students from the intermediate and secondary stages and 400 technical and vocational training students will take part in the campaign.

Media coverage
The radio and television will relay live the proceedings of a seminar, Feb. 19-24 on the afforestation week. The municipality will distribute 100,000 saplings and buy 500 palm trees of a four-meter height each to be planted around the Holy Prophet Mosque and in other areas. There will also be a flower exhibition at the end of the plant-a-tree week. A brochure on the role of agriculture and tree planting in improving the social environment will also be produced.

Other activities include the projection of cinema and video films on the cultivated areas, streets, squares, public parks and child recreation grounds, as well as signboards to arouse public awareness as to the importance of greenery.

The Jeddah branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water will contribute 5,000 saplings and will secure 15 water tankers to irrigate the saplings and palms. Makkah's water department will provide ten water tankers. The campaign will last for three weeks.

IAIB will open regional offices, admit members

DUBAI, Dec. 25 (ONA) — The International Association of Islamic Banks will set up regional offices in Dubai, Cairo and Karachi to cope with increasing public demand for Islamic banks. It will also admit ten new Islamic member banks into the association in Senegal, Niger, Guinea, the Bahamas, Bahrain, and Sudan.

The association's board of administration, at the end of its meeting here Thursday evening, also agreed to set up three departments at its general secretariat for training, information, legal counsel and Sharia (Islamic Law) supervision. Recommendations to this effect had been submitted to the board by a special working group entrusted with seeking the ways and means to bolster cooperation and integration among Islamic banking and financial institutions, unify legal counsels and examine the economic feasibility and financing viability of a number of projects.

Jeddah sewage work 50 percent completed

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Around 50 percent of the Jeddah sewage network has been completed according to director of water and sewage in the Western Region Fahd Al-Salman. Tenders to extend the network between Tallia street, Prince Majed street, Al-Hamra and Palestine street have been put before the board of directors for review.

French firm studies water resources

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — French firm has begun studying the water resources of Baha, Bijlirashi, Al-Mandaq and Tibana. *Okaz* reported Friday, Baha's Agriculture Director Ali Abdullah Al-Rajeb said that within 18 months the firm will submit a comprehensive report on its findings, as a prelude to setting up an integrated project for the waters of that area.

Prayer Times

Sunday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:31	5:38	5:10	5:00	5:25	5:59
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:21	12:22	11:53	11:40	12:04	12:34
Asr (Afternoon)	3:25	3:21	2:52	2:35	3:00	3:25
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:47	5:42	5:13	4:56	5:20	5:46
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Heading toward Beirut

Sectarian fighting still unabated

BEIRUT, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — Druze and Christian militants were still fighting Saturday in the southern suburbs of Beirut after a brief calm overnight.

Lebanese state radio said the road leading south from the capital was cut off Saturday due to exchanges of fire.

Thirteen persons including a Lebanese soldier, were killed and twelve others, including two Lebanese soldiers, wounded in fierce fighting Friday in Khalde, just south of Beirut, according to *Al Nahar* newspaper.

A Lebanese Army communiqué Friday said Lebanese soldiers should not take the road south from the capital because of fighting there.

The Phalangist newspaper *Al Amal* said 10 militiamen from the Progressive Socialist Party of Walid Jumblatt were killed and 38 others wounded in the recent clashes.

The Christian militia Lebanese Forces accused the Progressive Socialists of starting the fighting by shelling Christian villages. But

the nationalist newspaper *Al Safir* charged that Christian militia had launched an attack to seize the coastal town and cut off all contact between Beirut and the Chouf mountain area.

By police count, about 170 persons have been killed in Christian-Druze feud, which continued for the past 18 weeks on Beirut's southern outskirts and in the Israeli-occupied Chouf mountains.

But President Amin, a Christian, canceled traditional Christmas celebrations at the presidential palace this year because of "the prevailing security and military conditions in the country," a palace statement said.

The Lebanese government was hoping to begin talks on withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

However, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan told reporters Friday, "some procedural concepts are delaying the talks, but we hope to receive certain tidings that would bring us to the negotiating table soon."

Gemayel thanks peace forces

BEIRUT, Dec. 25 (AP) — President Amin Gemayel made a visit to U.S. marines Saturday to thank them for helping his country as part of the multinational peacekeeping force.

"We appreciate everything they are doing for us, and especially spending Christmas far from their country and families because (it is) really a sign of real friendship between Lebanon and the United States," the 40-year-old Christian president said as he toured the marine compound at the Beirut International Airport just south of the capital.

Gemayel also stopped by the Italian and French headquarters of the other peacekeeping troops to thank them.

Morocco, Spain extend fish pact

MARRAKESH, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran today wound up a one-day visit to Morocco, his first official trip abroad since the formation of a socialist party government in Spain last month.

Sources said a fishery agreement which was due to expire at the end of year had been extended for six months.

Moran met King Hassan II and had talks with his Moroccan counterpart Muhammad Boucetta during the visit.

The minister discussed international matters and revived several aspects of Spanish-Moroccan cooperation, notably the fishing agreement.

U.S. dismisses Kabul charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (R) — The State Department described charges by Afghanistan that the U.S. Embassy in Kabul was spying for freedom fighters as baseless.

Radio Kabul, in a broadcast monitored in Islamabad, named two diplomats Friday who it said were involved in espionage and sabotage.

The radio said the embassy helped the freedom fighters in their war against Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government and Soviet forces in Afghanistan.

A State Department spokesman said he had no information about any action being taken by Afghanistan against the U.S. diplomats accused of involvement in spying.

As turbulent 1982 ends

Israel torpedoes all M.E. peace efforts

LONDON, Dec. 25 (R) — Six months after Israel invaded Lebanon, reshuffling the Middle East jigsaw, the region is embroiled in new attempts to resolve the Palestinian problem.

But Israel's occupation of Arab territories seized in earlier wars continues to block a settlement of its 35-year-old conflict with the Arabs.

The Israeli invasion in June forced Palestinian commanders from their Beirut stronghold and prompted innovative peace proposals by President Reagan and Arab leaders.

Analysts were loth to predict success for either initiative in a volatile region torn by five wars since Israel was founded in 1948 and by bitter enmity that has defied numerous conciliation efforts.

But a turbulent year ended with hopes that some hitherto impenetrable barriers might be breached.

Israel stayed in control of Arab lands seized in 1967 — the West Bank of Jordan, the Gaza Strip and Syria's Golan Heights. It strengthened its grip by annexing the Golan a year ago and increasing Jewish settlement in Gaza and the West Bank.

The Palestinians, dispersed around the Arab world, remained far from achieving the independent homeland. The Lebanon invasion, followed by the expulsion of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) commanders from West Beirut in August, prompted flexibility in the Arab camp, long divided by rifts over ideology and attitudes to Israel.

President Reagan's September peace plan called for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan, and King Hussein, who evicted the PLO from his country 12 years ago, re-emerged as a key figure.

News analysis

Responding to the U.S. proposals, he and the PLO worked out the framework of a future confederation between Jordan and a potential Palestinian entity.

King Hussein supports the U.S. plan but, in year-end talks with Reagan, declined to commit himself to take part in comprehensive peace negotiations involving Israel and a proposed Arab delegation led by Jordan, according to U.S. officials.

Nevertheless, he said the talks had been successful and was returning home to continue seeking Palestinian backing for Jordan to head a delegation in such talks. Washington refuses to deal directly with the PLO.

Reagan, keen to get Amman involved in the peace process to put pressure on Israel to take part, was optimistic and said direct negotiations for a just resolution of the Palestinian problem were "within our reach." But he said: "The road ahead is rough."

Arab leaders, meeting in Morocco in September, produced their own peace initiative which demanded Israel's departure from the occupied territories.

Israel rejected the Arab and U.S. plans — an adamant stand which, together with the invasion of Lebanon and planned doubling of the Jewish population in the West Bank, sparked wide condemnation and strained ties with Washington, its main backer.

But American-sponsored talks between Israel and Lebanon on withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon were set to start as 1982 ended.

Diplomats in Beirut estimated Israel had 20,000 troops in southern and central Lebanon, while some 40,000 Syrians and at least 6,000 Palestinians were stationed in the north and east. Lebanon was in touch, through envoys, with the Syrians and Palestinians.

A multinational force of 4,400 U.S., French and Italian troops was helping Lebanon's young government maintain security. From an Arab viewpoint, the only positive side to the invasion of Lebanon was the damage it did Israel overseas.

A massacre in September by Rightist Lebanese militiamen of civilians in two Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut provoked international anger, dramatized the Palestinians' plight and fueled diplomatic drives for a solution.

For the PLO, with leader Yasser Arafat rebased in Tunis and much of its military power smashed by the Israeli invasion, 1983 shaped up as a make-or-break year.

The Reagan peace plan fell far short of the PLO goal of a fully independent Palestinian state but did commit Washington to trying to free the West Bank and Gaza from Israeli hands.

To pursue rapprochement with Jordan, possibly in the framework of the Reagan plan, Arafat needed to outflank Syrian-backed leaders in the PLO who reject a solution engineered by Washington.

He was expected to seek support for his policy at a meeting of the Palestinian National Council, the movement's parliament-in-exile in Algiers in February.

Arab leaders explained their own peace plan, which called for an independent Palestinian state, to leaders in the United States, the



Soviet Union, France and China, permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

They were expected to review progress in January and to send a mission to the fifth permanent member, Britain, in February.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Begin will hold separate talks with Reagan in the first two months of 1983. Although Israel's attitude remains the key, all, or any, of these meetings could affect the peace process.

Diplomatic moves look likely to intensify in the new year, before U.S. attention is diverted from the Middle East by campaigning for the 1984 presidential election.

Egypt, keen to end its isolation as the only Arab state at peace with Israel following the 1979 Camp David treaty, is especially eager to keep peace moves alive.

Further east, Gulf states remained preoccupied by the world oil glut and the intractable Iran-Iraq war, which was well into its third year and showed no signs of ending.

A grim tale of torture and terror Soviet style

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The *Daily La Croix* published an account by an Afghan woman of torture she said she underwent for many months in a Kabul jail after having been arrested on suspicion of membership in an underground opposition grouping.

The account was presented here last week before a human rights tribunal on the lines of the Bertrand Russell Tribunal that sat in judgment on the Vietnam War.

The woman, Farida Ahmadi, fled Afghanistan after her release for Pakistan. Excerpts from the account read as follows: "I was 22 and a student on the medical faculty of Kabul University. One day I picked up a leaflet to read it. The Parchamis (members of a wing of the Afghan Communist Party) saw me and took me to the headquarters of the secret police."

"At first, I was threatened, my guards demanding that I confess to membership in a resistance organization. I was kept without sleep for a week."

"I was severely beaten with a stick, feet, fists, a rubber truncheon. There were six

Rebels eliminate 450 Ethiopians

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — More than 250 regular soldiers and about 200 militia men of the Ethiopian army have been killed during a battle last week with the Tigray People's Liberation Front fighters, a military communiqué issued here Saturday said.

The TPLF claimed also to have taken 54 soldiers as prisoners of war. The battle took place at Rama, a town on the main highway linking Adwa to Asmara, the Eritrean capital, Dec. 17, the statement said.

The TPLF warned that the Ethiopian government is preparing for a military campaign against the organization which seeks self-determination for the five million people of Tigray.

Evren in Pakistan

KARACHI, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Turkish President Kenan Evren arrived here Saturday from Dhaka, Bangladesh, on an official visit to Pakistan, the last stage of his five-country Asian tour. He was met here by Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Gen. Evren will not meet during this visit with Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq who was due to return late Sunday from an official visit to the United States and Canada.

Gen. Evren was scheduled to leave here Sunday for Ankara, ending a two-week trip which has already taken him to China, South Korea, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

Pakistani minister dies

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Gen. Jamal Dar, Pakistani Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas died Saturday of a heart attack while delivering an official speech to honor the birthday of the founder of Pakistan Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Gen. Dar, 74, had been speaking to students for several minutes when he collapsed.

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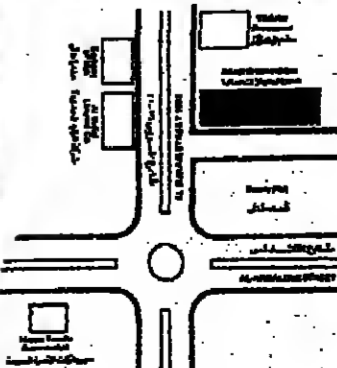
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Decisive bargaining expected

Taiwan names 'shadow ambassador' in U.S.

TAIPEI, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Decisive bargaining is possible in the years ahead following Taiwan's recent appointment of Yale University graduate Frederick Qin, 47, as its "shadow ambassador" in Washington, observers here believe.

Taiwan, which faces some domestic problems as it pursues its campaign for more democracy — is conspicuously striving to sharpen its rivalry with Communist China by enhancing its economic strength, taking advantage in particular of the Hong Kong issue.

China has made it clear it intends to reassert its sovereignty over Hong Kong when Britain's lease on most of the territory expires in 1997. There has been much talk of turning Taiwan into an Asian financial center by setting up a free trade zone and offshore banking facilities, and promoting Taiwan harbors as transshipment centers in the Far East.

Such measures would help enhance inter-

national recognition of Taiwan's importance in world trade, especially in the event of any drastic change in the status of Hong Kong. Experts estimate the total value of Taiwan's foreign trade this year at around \$40,600 million, a seven percent drop compared with last year's figure.

Taiwan also anticipates a trade surplus of \$3,200 million this year. The executive Yuan (cabinet) this week endorsed the 1983 economic construction plan, which aims at an economic growth rate of 5.5 percent next year.

The figure includes a growth rate of two percent in agriculture, 4 percent for manufacturing industries and 5.8 percent for service industries. The per capita income this year stood at \$2,543 and is expected to reach \$2,694 next year. The total amount of trade, including goods and services, in 1982 reached \$45,700 million, which should increase by 6.78 percent in 1983 to \$48,800 million.

Yugoslav leader seeks party unity

BELGRADE, Dec. 25 (AP) — A ranking Communist leader called for unity within the party Friday and warned that growing criticism of national policies would not be tolerated.

Nikola Stojanovic, secretary of the party president, said Communist ideology must be "further strengthened" in Yugoslavia if the country is to overcome its severe economic problems next year. Increasing criticism of party policies by public officials "has a negative effect" and must stop, Stojanovic told a central committee session.

But Stojanovic also acknowledged that Yugoslavia's inflation rate of about 40 per-

cent, huge foreign debts and sweeping austerity measures had "weakened confidence in the League of Communists." Unlike in other East European countries, Yugoslavia allows some criticism and debate of public policies to appear in the country's press. But it is only in recent months that criticism has come from within the party itself, and aimed at party leaders rather than the government.

Some Yugoslav officials have argued publicly that the government should seek more foreign loans to pay its debts rather than crack down on imports and domestic spending.

Hungary wants normal China ties

BUDAPEST, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Hungarian Foreign Minister Frigyes Pujás called for a "normalization" of relations with China as well as Albania.

In an article in the government newspaper *Magyar Hirlap* quoted by MTI agency here, Pujás said that relations between China and the other countries of the socialist bloc were currently the object of "discussions." It was appearing from the conclusions of the last Chinese Communist Party congress, the Hungarian official stated, that "the Chinese leaders seek political stability and more realism in the economic sphere."

"Current initiatives," Pujás added, "can contribute on this basis to improve relations" between China and the other socialist countries "despite some uncertain aspects of Chinese foreign policy."

The minister concluded that Hungary, on her part, was ready to develop bilateral rela-

tions with Peking. On Albania, he said that it would be "reasonable" to improve cooperation "between the two states" for the mutual benefit of both sides. (The East European countries traditionally distinguish between inter-party relations and state-to-state relations, the latter not implying necessarily agreement on ideological tenets).

Dutch rig being towed to Amsterdam

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 25 (AFP) — A Dutch Navy helicopter Friday landed five security men aboard the Netherlands' oil rig *Seaxor* that was abandoned by its crew earlier, in the day of heavy North Sea storms, it was reported here.

The *Seaxor* is now being towed to the outer port of Amsterdam, by *The Smit Lloyd* 116 towboat of Rotterdam's Smit Tak company.

Lima army to combat guerrillas

LIMA, Dec. 25 (R) — Four hundred army troops were flown Friday to Peru's troubled Ayacucho state in the Andes Mountains to combat left-wing guerrillas, government officials said.

It was the first time the army had been deployed against the guerrillas who have been waging an armed struggle against Peru's 21-month-old democracy, killing an estimated 36 policemen and 75 civilians this year. The action mounted by the obscure Maoist Sendero Luminoso (shining path) movement provoked a cabinet crisis earlier this month which led to the resignation of Prime Minister Manuel Ulloa, political sources said.

The sources said Ulloa had wanted to give up the economy portfolio which he also held to take over as interior minister and launch a major anti-guerrilla campaign. But his request was refused by President Fernando Belaunde who was reluctant to involve the army in suppressing the guerrillas because he feared another military coup like that ousted his first administration in 1968, they said.

No reason was given why the government had now decided to use the army to reinforce paramilitary police who have hitherto fought the guerrillas.

Chile allows 124 dissidents to return home

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 25 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet authorized a Christmas homecoming Friday for 124 little-known dissidents his military regime sent into exile. But he rejected a government commission's proposal for the immediate return of about 100 exiled political figures.

The 124 names announced by the interior ministry were the first allowed to come home since Pinochet appointed the panel Nov. 11 to consider a reconciliation with the thousands of critics who fled or were forced from Chile after he came to power in a 1973 military coup. No known political opposition leaders were on the list.

The five-member commission had recommended last week in a secret report to Pinochet that about 500 exiles be allowed to return for Christmas while it continued to study at least 10,000 other cases. An opposition leader in contact with the commission said it had listed among the 500 the names of virtually all non-Marxist opposition leaders in exile. He said they included Christian Democrat President Andres Zaldívar, Human Rights Commission President Jaime Castillo, and Carlos Briones, socialist minister of interior in the Marxist-led government deposed in 1973.

Tibetans ignore overtures by Peking

SIMLA, Dec. 25 (ONS) — Tibetan refugees in India show little enthusiasm for returning to their homeland, despite welcoming gestures from the Chinese government.

The majority of Tibetan families, part of the world's most forgotten diaspora, have refused to take up Indian nationality in the hope they will indeed go back one day. Few, however, are willing to take the risk while a Communist regime controls their destinies from Peking. Opposition to returning is strongest amongst Buddhist monks and lamas — the religious elite — who have dominated Tibetan life for centuries. Their exiled leader, the Dalai Lama, whose palace was bombed by Chinese troops in 1959, has declared he will return only when conditions

visibly improve.

Since 1979 when the Chinese began their overtures, the Dalai Lama has sent four fact-finding missions to Tibet, including one led by his younger sister, Jetsun Pema Gyampo. Their reports apparently did not impress him. This week the Dalai Lama confirmed a renewed offer of talks from Peking. "I must wait and see," he said.

The Tibetans in Simla, about 2,000 in all, maintain a high profile in the former summer capital of the British raj. Just off the famous Mall Road, incense-filled Tibetan handicraft shops prove a irresistible draw for visiting tourists. Poor Tibetans, who hire themselves out as laborers or coolies, are a small part of a community now dominated by shopkeepers and traders. In the old days, the traders made money by exchanging Tibetan wool and butter for Indian salt. Later, following the Chinese crackdown, some escaped to India and formed anti-Mao guerrilla groups. After Mao's death, there has been less guerrilla activity and more approved smuggling across passes like the Shipki La.

The resumption of direct links with Tibet, however clandestine, has re-awakened memories of the old country. Some refugee families speak longingly of the yaks they left at home and superior living conditions at 14,000 feet above sea-level. They are among tens of thousands who crossed the border in 1959 after the Dalai Lama fled Lhasa and begged political asylum from the then Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Dalai Lama subsequently established his headquarters in the small hill town of Dharamsala. Small communities of Tibetans also made their homes in an around the cities of Gangtok, Darjeeling, Mussoorie and Simla. Others were dispersed in the independent Himalayan Kingdoms of Bhutan and Nepal. "It's been very difficult getting used to life in these low-lying hills," said 59-year-old Mrs. Phurpa Hannu.

Evidence of more relaxed Chinese policies, demonstrated by the partial reopening of the high passes and occasional visits, has not impressed the lamas.

Cordova's kin arrives in Tegucigalpa

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 25 (AP) — The daughter of President Roberto Suazo Cordova arrived here Friday to spend Christmas with her father, a day after she was released by leftist kidnappers in Guatemala.

Suazo Cordova sent the presidential jet to pick up daughter, Dr. Judith Xiomara Suazo Estrada and, accompanied by several members of his cabinet, met her at the airport. The 33-year-old radiologist was released Thursday night in downtown Guatemala City, near the spot where she was kidnapped Dec. 14 while leaving her hospital job.

"Thanks to prayer, I could stand the solitude," Dr. Suazo Estrada told reporters in Guatemala City after her release after nine days. "Now more than ever I should be grateful to my maternal grandmother for the spiritual education that she gave me that allowed me to bear those days."

Suazo Cordova told reporters he was "very grateful to God for having given me the satisfaction of having my daughter safe and sound." "In my prayers I asked the Almighty to do his will...and he did," he said. "For that I am on my knees and with tears in my eyes, giving thanks to God."

Cuban Communists discuss plans

HAVANA, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The Cuban Communist Party has held a plenum, its sixth since the revolution of 1959, it was announced here Friday. On the agenda was the country's 1983 budget and development plans.

Another subject was nominations for vacant posts in the state, as opposed to party hierarchy. Observers assumed that this referred to the replacement of the late Raul Roa, longtime Cuban foreign minister and more recently deputy speaker of the national assembly.

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Sees 'Buy American wedge'

U.S. protectionism irks NATO allies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP) — The United States Congress has adjourned for Christmas just after deliberately driving a "Buy American" wedge between Washington and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies.

In its last-minute approval of the defense budget, Congress withdrew a clause allowing the Pentagon to bypass the "Buy American" Act and purchase some of its defense needs from NATO countries. The so-called "specialty metals clause" has been attached to the defense budget each year since 1976. Several NATO countries, particularly West Germany, are greatly upset by its absence this year.

This Congressional slap in the face is a sign of the growing irritation felt by many U.S. politicians toward Washington's NATO allies who are not, they say, shouldering their fair share of NATO defense spending.

But a senior State Department official noted that the move was also a reflection of the protectionist sentiment currently reigning in Congress. The "specialty metals clause" allows the U.S. Defense Department to buy from its NATO allies those parts of arma-

ments systems containing rare strategic metals or alloys which have special properties such as high heat tolerances.

In terms of the "Buy American Act", these metals, or elements containing them, must be bought from U.S. manufacturers. But Washington's allies complained that the Americans did not buy enough European-made military gear.

So successive U.S. administrations have taken the view that such purchases should be made from NATO countries in order to foster the standardization of NATO military equipment. Congress included the specialty metals clause in the 1981/82 defense budget only under great pressure from the White House.

This year, during the current lame-duck Congressional session following the Congressional elections last month, the Reagan administration did not really try to force the issue.

The few top administration officials still in Washington on the eve of the Christmas holidays were taken aback by the angry reaction from Bonn.

Clark takes wheelchair ride

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 25 (AP) — Barney Clark took his first ride in a wheelchair Friday since receiving his artificial heart, and was moved into a more spacious room.

"We've had a very busy, very active, happy morning," said John Dwan, University of Utah Medical Center spokesman. Karen Shaffer said a quiet family Christmas celebration was planned for her father, to be attended by her husband, Tim, and her mother, Clark's wife, Uola Loy. "We plan on playing a videotape that some of dad's friends from Seattle have sent to him," the 28-year-old Mrs. Shaffer said. "My uncle has a guitar we'll probably borrow and have a little singing session just for the entertainment."

Early Friday, Clark was helped into a

wheelchair and, accompanied by the 375-pound (170-kilogram) wheeled unit that drives his plastic heart, was taken to have a routine X-ray and brain scan while surrounded by seven medical specialists and two security guards. The results of the tests on the 61-year-old retired dentist from suburban Seattle were normal, Dwan said.

When Clark returned to the intensive-care unit, he was placed in a larger, multi-patient ward next door to the day room that has been his home since the artificial heart was implanted Dec. 2. The room has other patients and is open to allow Clark to see the nurses' station. It also has more windows. The move was made after nurses told doctors they felt it was time Clark left his room. "I think they picked up from him that he was bored," Dwan said.

Honduran leftists claim bombing

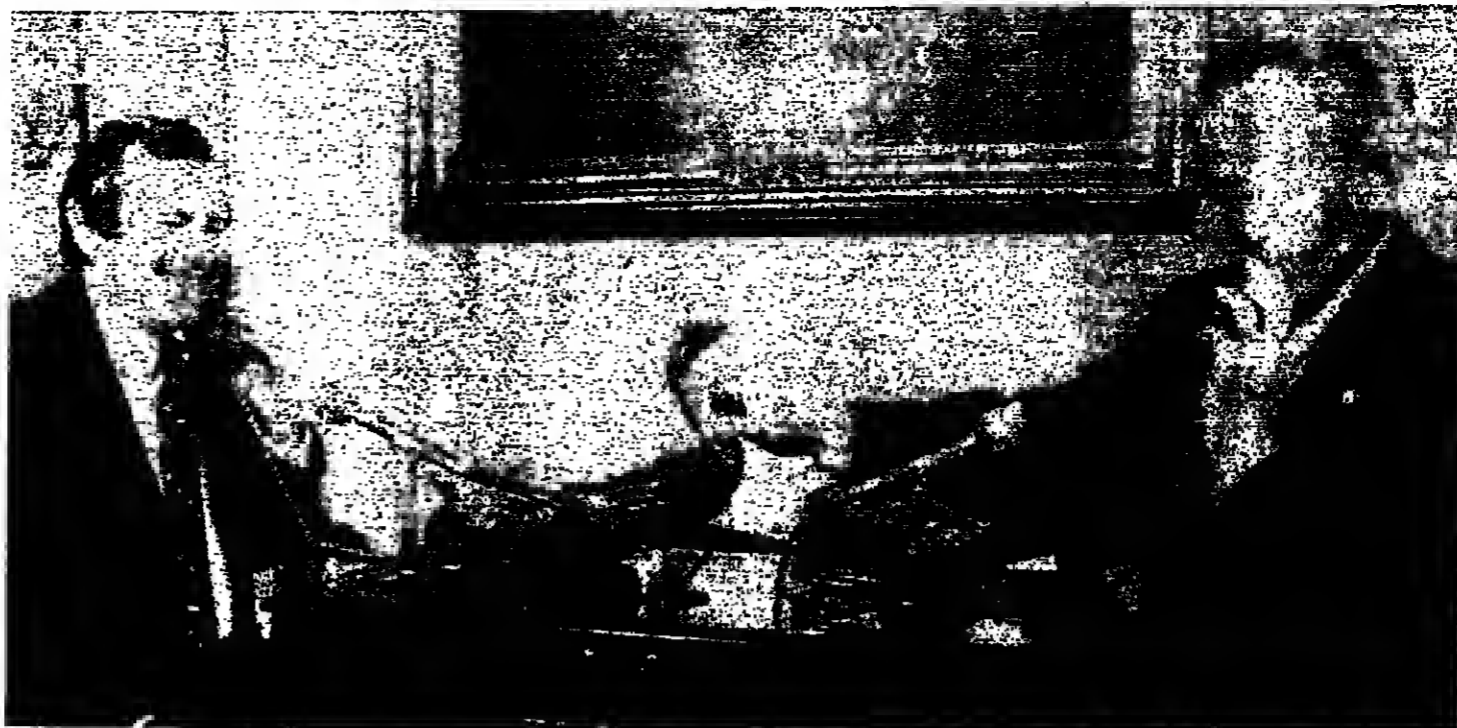
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 25 (AP) — The Lempira Popular Revolutionary Command claimed responsibility Friday for the bombing of a newspaper building in protest of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's visit to Honduras earlier this month, police spokesman said. They said the claim was made in a statement received by police.

The bomb exploded Wednesday night at the offices of *La Prensa* in San Pedro Sula, Honduras' second-largest city, 175 kilometers northwest of here, causing extensive

damages but no injuries. Publication was not stopped.

Reagan visited San Pedro Sula for about two hours on the last stop of his Latin American tour. He did not leave the military air base there, and the visit took place without incident.

The Lempira command, a leftist guerrilla group that first surfaced in 1980, is named after an Indian chief killed by Spaniards during a peace conference. Honduran currency also is called the Lempira.



JOINT PHONE CALL: U.S. Senate majority leader Howard Baker (Republican) and minority leader Robert Byrd (Democrat) place a joint telephone call to President Reagan to tell him of the closing of the 97th Congress.

Lopez Portillo fades out of media spotlight

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25 (AP) — Within days after leaving the presidency, Jose Lopez Portillo dropped from sight and his name virtually disappeared from the newspapers. The phenomenon was traditional in a system where the president abandons politics and the limelight when his six-year term is up. The system is controlled by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has had monopolistic hold on Mexican government since it was formed 53 years ago in the wake of the 1910-1912 revolution.

"As I've said before, I plan to grow a beard, read and write," Lopez Portillo, 62, said at a news conference, one week before turning over the presidential sash to President Miguel de la Madrid on Dec. 1.

Luis Echeverria Alvarez, president from 1970 to 1976 and a longtime friend of Lopez

Burning ship's crew rescued

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 25 (APF) — All the 13-man crew of a burning Panamanian-registered freighter have been saved, the sea rescue service here announced Thursday.

The last 10 crew members were snatched from the decks of the Tokula chief by a helicopter and taken to hospital here, the rescue service announced. Earlier, three crew members who threw themselves into the sea were picked up by helicopter with one of them suffering from serious overexposure.

The fire, which broke out in the machine room, prevented the crew from cutting off the engines and the ship continued to plough at great speed.

Portillo, lived for a time in Paris, where he was ambassador to UNESCO for a year and a half. At the end of 1978, Lopez Portillo named him ambassador to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, where he served until 1979.

Since then, he has devoted his time to the Center for Economic and Social Studies of the Third World, founded in September 1976, about two months before he left office. Echeverria, 60, a strong voice for developing countries while president, serves now as president and general director of the center, a honorary post for which he receives no salary, a spokesman said.

Subsidized by the Mexican Education Ministry and UNESCO the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the center is primarily a research institution and also has about 40 students enrolled in a master's program in international relations, a spokesman said. Echeverria gets up early and in his free time likes to play tennis, ride horses and swim, said the spokesman.

Recently, he appeared at the Cuban Embassy with Lopez Portillo, still president at the time, and De la Madrid, then president-elect. Political columnists said it was an example of "the continuity of the Mexican political system."

Miguel Aleman Valdes, 79, president from 1946 to 1952, returned to business after he left office, spending about 10 years rebuilding his hotel chain. He then founded the National Tourism Council. As head of the government agency, he travels several months out of the year, promoting tourism to Mexico.

Three presidents who served between Aleman Valdes and Echeverria have died. After he retired, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, president from 1952 to 1958, had time to indulge in his passion: playing dominoes. He returned to politics, taking charge of a government office that supervised banks and securities. He died in 1973.

Adolfo Lopez Mateos was seriously ill the last two years of his term, from 1958 to 1964.

Ex-Dominican premier appeals to Privy Council

ROSEAU, Dominica, Dec. 25 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Patrick John and two others have appealed to the Privy Council in England against charges they attempted to overthrow the government of Dominica last year, an attorney said Friday.

Randolph Williams said the appeal application will attempt to override a Dominica court calling for a new trial on the charges. Williams said he filed the appeal with the Dominican Supreme Court, which in turn will send the petition to London. As part of the British Commonwealth, the Privy Council is the highest court for this Caribbean island.

The petition comes after the West Indies Supreme Court of appeal discarded a lower court ruling dismissing the charges. The appeal court also ordered the suspects recharged. A new trial date has yet to be fixed. Last June, Dominican Judge Horace Mitchell exonerated John and the other two, Malcolm Reid, second in command of the now-disbanded Dominica Defense Force, and Julian David, a salesman. Judge Mitchell accepted a defense position that the government of Dominica failed to present sufficient evidence to prove guilt.

The Dominican government appealed that decision to the West Indies Supreme Court on the nearby Island of St. Vincent, accusing John of conspiring with a group of U.S. mercenaries to overthrow the government.

Philippines hit by 21 typhoons

MANILA, Dec. 25 (APF) — Twenty-one typhoons killed 237 persons and destroyed property worth \$66 million in the Philippines this year, the official news agency PNA reported Saturday.

The most powerful and destructive typhoon was Nancy which swept the country from south to north in mid-October, claiming 68 lives, injuring 106 persons, destroying 8,000 houses and leaving more than 10,000 families homeless.

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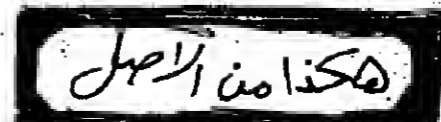
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After two years in the White House

Path to Reagan's goals no longer well marked

By Lou Cannon
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WASHINGTON (WP) — After two difficult years in the White House, patches of gray have begun to show in the once black-and-white world of Ronald Reagan.

The man who at the advent of his presidency described Soviet leaders as "liars" and "cheats" now talks about the Russians in human terms, saying they, like Western peoples, are in a precarious economic position and have incentives to "rejoin the family of nations."

The president, who came into office convinced that the nation's economic woes could be easily resolved and the federal budget quickly balanced, now recognizes that his administration faces a long and uncertain period of grappling with problems that appear less simple than they did in 1981. This was the dominant impression that emerged from a wide-ranging and reflective Reagan interview with *The Washington Post* recently.

Without yielding essential ground on his fundamental convictions, Reagan displayed in this 38-minute conversation a sense of nuance that suggests he is responding to complex events with something other than the stark and simple approach that has characterized his political career.

Asked what he thought the long-term future of the Soviet Union would be, Reagan replied that recession was part of a "worldwide pattern" that embraced both capitalist and Socialist countries. That pattern goes beyond the Iron Curtain. Probably not because of the relationship with any of the Western world, but because of their own emphasis on rearmament making it impossible for them to meet the consumer demands of their people," Reagan said. "The Soviet Union, we know, is in a really precarious economic position. My own feeling is that this may offer a great opportunity for us if we could convince them that there was a way for them to rejoin the family of nations."

Asked about the progress he has made toward his cherished goal of economic recovery through reduction in the size of government, Reagan acknowledged that even with all he has done there is "a limit as to what we could do..." to cut the federal budget during a period of economic stagnation.

"You can't really cut the budget enough to balance the budget," Reagan said. "You cannot raise taxes enough to balance the budget. The answer to balancing the budget is restoring the economy... That is what will end the deficit by increasing the gross national product in proportion to the amount of money the government is spending."

After the interview, some of Reagan's closest associates warned not to interpret these statements as a sign that the president was retreating from his basic aims. They pointed out, as Reagan himself indicated during the interview, that the president remains skeptical of Soviet intentions abroad and committed to the purposes of his economic program at home, especially income tax reduction.

But Reagan's aides also believe he is approaching a crucial period of his presidency. Some of them said Reagan is feeling

the accumulated pressures arising from his inability to produce a quick economic recovery, solve intractable foreign conflicts or convince an increasingly recalcitrant Congress that he is leading the nation in the right direction.

After two years, Reagan appears to have a glimmer that time is running out on his ambitious goals. And the path to his major goals — restoration of U.S. stature in the world, economic recovery and a smaller federal government — no longer seems well marked.

In the interview, Reagan demonstrated a more secure grasp of issues, especially in foreign policy, and a greater appreciation of the subtleties involved in reaching his larger goals than he did in a similar session with *The Washington Post* on March 27, 1981, three days before he was severely wounded in an assassination attempt. Reagan took five months to recover from that shooting, which, according to aides, seriously delayed his progress in mastering the knowledge needed to be an effective president.

"I see a lot more confidence in himself and his own judgments than he had when he became president," said deputy chief of staff Michael K. Deaver, the aide generally regarded as closest to the president. "By nature he is a cautious man. I see him now as following his instincts much more because he has a hold of presidency and he has the information system down... He is comfortable in the job even though it's tougher and longer work and harder hours than it was in the beginning."

Since childhood, Reagan has been an irrepressible optimist and this personal quality has come to the fore as his problems have mounted in the White House. Asked to predict where he thinks his presidency will be a year from now, Reagan looked forward to a strong economic recovery and reduced unemployment. "As the economy takes off, I think that we'll be seeing that what we've done works," he said.

At another point, he was asked whether the legacy of his administration would permit another Republican presidential candidate to run and win in 1984. "I certainly would hope so, and I believe this," Reagan replied. "I believe that by that time we're going to see that the program that we put in place does offer what we promised and that is a solid recovery, a lasting recovery."

Reagan did not intend by this answer to suggest that a candidate other than himself would be GOP presidential standard-bearer. He reiterated that he had not decided whether he would seek re-election or when he would make the announcement of his decision.

"Well, I suppose sometime next year it has to be done, the decision has to be made," Reagan said. "I think to do so earlier than necessary then opens you to the charge and the suspicion, and certainly the charge from the other side of the aisle, that everything you are trying to do is based on politics, and it also tempts some of your people to base their advice on what they think might affect the next election."

Reagan, who will be 72 in February, does not seem to be in any hurry to decide. His



STILL FLAMBOYANT: President Reagan reaching over the crowd to shake hands with a young girl when a group of people visited the White House recently.

focus at midterm appears to be on the combat with Congress which seems certain to continue in 1983. "There is a little bit of impatience at what's going on, some frustration," Deaver said. "The Washington system frustrates him, as the Sacramento system did." Another aide said that Reagan is "much more aware of the time that's left in his presidency" and is going through a process of sorting out his essential priorities. "It's very clear to him that he's not going to accomplish everything he set out to do," this White House official added.

Reagan displayed some of this impatience in the interview. He repeatedly jabbed at Congress on defense and economic issues. He talked extemporaneously, demonstrating a familiarity with issues that eluded him in some earlier interviews. Aides said the president is sensitive about published accounts, in the *Post* and other newspapers, that he is ill-informed and out-of-touch on some key questions.

In a nationally broadcast interview recently with six radio correspondents, Reagan sounded defensive when asked, whether he knows what it is like to be unemployed. As president, "you are not that separated from the world," Reagan said. He mentioned his daily contact with aides, with security guards and on the campaign trail as keeping him in touch, and recalled his own experience seeking work in the Great Depres-

sion in 1932. And he added, "when I go to the ranch, sometime out there I'm right back with the neighbors and the people that work there. And it is as if this had never happened."

In his interview with the *Post*, Reagan struck an informed and reflective tone. Only at the end, and lightly, did he lapse into the set-piece rhetoric of the recent political campaign, saying, "could I coin a term and say, stay the course?" Otherwise, Reagan did not employ the one-liners that are his trademark. He was serious in manner and tone, reflecting the sober realities that now envelop him and his administration.

While Reagan has aged in office less conspicuously than many of his predecessors, the wear and tear of the presidency is beginning to show in small ways. His once jet-black hair is now streaked with gray. He hears less well than he used to. He also chafes at the luxurious confinement of the White House and takes every opportunity to get away to his California ranch or to go horseback riding.

"You kind of live like a bird in a gilded cage," Reagan said in his radio interview. "And I sometimes look out the window at Pennsylvania Avenue and wonder what it would be like to be able to just walk down the street to the corner drug store and look at the magazines. I can't do that anymore."

Reagan came into office believing he could hold the allegiance of blue-collar voters with a strategy for economic growth that would

create jobs. Instead, unemployment has reached the highest point since 1941, and Reagan acknowledges that it is a more stubborn problem with dimensions that he had not envisioned.

Discussing the Soviet Union, Reagan took a broader and more complicated view of events than he once did. He was careful not to directly criticize Yuri Andropov, the new Soviet Leader, but said "there is a limit to how far any man in his position can go without the support of the Politburo."

In the past, Reagan often has talked as though only the impact of Western military might could alter Soviet behavior. Without backing down on his defense buildup, Reagan suggested in the interview that the Soviets might also be influenced by the deterioration of their economy and the need to produce more consumer goods.

Whether Reagan's fundamental policies will be changed by his growing awareness of the complex nature of the world is not yet clear. For all the impact of the presidency upon him, Reagan strikes his longtime associates as being much the same person he has always been believing in the same verities. Even aides who view Reagan as essentially unchanged from his early days in politics can see shades of gray emerging from the shaping experience of the presidency. "Of course it's changed him," Deaver said. "It would change anybody."

Guatemala test case for rights

By Dial Torgerson

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (LAT) — The American conscience has come to Central America and is likely to remain here, a reminder to those who want America's aid that they must treat people at least somewhat the way Americans do.

Every six months, the Reagan administration must examine human rights here and report to Congress on its progress. It isn't easy, U.S. aid, and the Congressional scrutiny that goes with it, is not limited to El Salvador. Among its neighbors is Guatemala, which suffers from perhaps the worst human rights reputation in all of Central America. If the Reagan administration decides to push for renewed aid to Guatemala, as is likely, a Congress well aware of that country's black record on rights could demand the same kind of certification for Guatemala that it now does for El Salvador.

Could Guatemala pass the test? Congress demands "a concerted and significant effort to comply with internationally recognized standards of human rights." Both El Salvador and Guatemala are trying, in their own way, to comply. The reason: both badly need U.S. aid and their leaders know that Washington is watching.

Guatemala has the best chance of succeeding — but for the most undemocratic of reasons. Unlike El Salvador, there is only one man running Guatemala; Efraim Rios Montt. His is a standard, Latin American-style one-man show, with only recently added trappings of democracy. El Salvador is run by the civilian president, Alvaro Magana, and the defense minister, Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia, both of whom are anxious to meet the U.S. demands. But Garcia does not have ironclad control over his military, some branches of which get no U.S. aid and are hence immune to U.S. pressure.

In Guatemala, on the other hand, Rios seems to run things just the way he wants them. He has the guns, and the power. If Rios is sincere about his stated aim of transforming Guatemala, then he has a fine opportunity to create reforms. There are other requirements in Congress' demands on El Salvador, and they measure how Guatemala would have to improve to measure up. Among the demands:

— "Prosecution of the murders of U.S. citizens." It is two years since five members of the El Salvador national guard have been charged with killing four American religious social workers and two labor leaders. But there is no evidence of any real progress in efforts to prosecute higher-ups presumed to have ordered the killings.

In Guatemala, there has been no attempt at all to try to find the killers of a U.S. priest and Catholic brother believed slain on orders of the past administration.

— "Achieve control over its own armed forces." U.S. military attaches in El Salvador believe that Garcia now holds control over his army of 21,000 men, who have been warned by U.S. trainers to halt violence against civilians. But the trainers do not work with another 11,000 men in the national guard, treasury police or national police, who sometimes make arrests and stage disappearances over which Garcia appears to have no control. In Guatemala, Rios seems to hold firm control of the entire military structure. — "Committed to holding free elections, including good-faith talks with all parties." El Salvador held national elections in March that were boycotted by leftist groups. Rios intends to issue election laws next March leading to free elections in which all groups, even Marxists, will be allowed to take place. Has Rios' government gotten a "hum rap," as President Reagan remarked? Only in recent months has the country been opened up for internal travel by reporters, embassy representatives and human-rights groups.

Guatemalan Indians who fled into Mexico from embattled northwest region have told detailed stories of continuing massacres by troops under Rios. Also Amnesty International, the London-based human-rights group, which the government of Guatemala says talked only to its enemies, said that 2,600 Indians were killed by the army there between March and October. The truth about Rios' government will not really be known until investigators get to the towns to see if the president is achieving the changes he proclaims.

If the Reagan administration pushes for aid to Guatemala, that country is likely to find itself being measured by the same sort of yardstick now being used on El Salvador. Chances are that if El Salvador, with its human-rights record, continues to measure up, so will Guatemala.

UNICEF warns against bottle-feeding

One million infants face death in a year

By Tony Barber

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A sharp decline in breastfeeding in Third World countries is condemning thousands of babies to death, according to a United Nations report.

The report, by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), said that if more mothers could be persuaded to breastfeed their babies instead of using bottles, one million infant lives a year could be saved by the 1990s.

UNICEF warned that in much of the Third World, bottle-fed babies are three to five times more likely to suffer from malnutrition than breastfed ones. It called bottlefeeding the most unnecessary malnutrition of all, and said breast milk is more hygienic, more nutritious and cheaper than commercial substitutes.



SAVING CHILDREN: UNICEF's efforts to secure a better life for children is not confined to campaigns in favor of breastfeeding and other causes. The organization also facilitates medical supervision of children by health specialists.

The report charts a precipitous decline in breastfeeding in Third World countries which, it says, is condemning thousands of babies to tragic deaths.

In Singapore, the number of breastfed babies fell from almost eight in 10 in 1951 to only one in 10 in 1971. In Mexico it fell from 95 percent in 1960 to 40 percent by 1966, and in Chile from 95 percent in 1955 to 28 percent this year.

UNICEF attributes the decline in breastfeeding partly to makers of breast milk substitutes who, concerned at shrinking markets in industrialized countries, saw new sales opportunities in the large and rising infant populations of the Third World. It argues that women in developing countries have turned to bottle-feeding influenced by promotion campaigns directed for example at "those who can't breastfeed" or "mothers with

insufficient milk."

According to the report, the results can be disastrous. "Breast milk is the best food for a baby in any society," it says. "But in the materially poor communities of the developing world, its advantages over bottle-feeding can widen to a difference between life and death."

The UNICEF report says a low-income mother usually cannot read the instructions on a tin of formula or afford to buy her baby enough over an extended period. It cites a recent study in Barbados which found that 75 percent of low-income mothers who had given up breastfeeding were stretching a four-day tin of milk to last anything from five days to three weeks.

"At that point, of course, it is the infants themselves who pay the highest price," the report says. Other problems are that a low-income mother is often unable to boil water at the required intervals or sterilize the necessary equipment.

The World Health Organization (WHO), another U.N. agency, has reported that in Chile babies fed from bottles in the first three months of their lives are three or four times more likely to die than their exclusively breastfed brothers and sisters.

In Egypt, the risk of infant deaths in poor families rises fivefold when the baby feeds from a bottle, and in India bottle-fed babies have been found to suffer twice as many respiratory infections and three times as many cases of diarrhea as babies fed at the breast.

The UNICEF report calls for a mass campaign to change medical attitude and hospital practice, to control promotion and marketing of artificial milk, and to reassure mothers that breastfeeding is best. "If such a campaign were comprehensive enough," it says "then UNICEF believes that one million infant lives a year could be saved within a decade from now."

UNICEF says the advantages of breast milk over formula do not stop at improved hygiene and nutrition. Breast milk, and especially colostrum, which is the first milk secreted by a mother after she has given birth, has immunological qualities not present in substitutes.

Breastfeeding also releases a hormone in the mother called prolactin which acts as a natural contraceptive. "Although an unreliable form of family planning from the individual mother's point of view, it nevertheless prevents several million conceptions a year in mothers whose bodies have not fully recovered from pregnancy," the report says.

Alan Berg, senior nutrition adviser to the World Bank, has calculated that more widespread breastfeeding in India would avert some five million births a year.

Peking pleads to baby-killers

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON (LOS) — Chinese peasants are allowing their female infants to die at such a rate that a call has gone out to "save the baby girls."

Nothing but murder or deliberate neglect can explain why in some communes just 200 girls survive out of every 500 born, although China's 1982 census shows that the number of girl babies at birth is only marginally less than boys.

Such facts, printed in *China Youth Daily*, highlight the resurgence of female infanticide, usually by abandonment or "exposure", but sometimes by drowning too. It is another of China's traditional practices, such as arranged marriage, which still survive although they were supposed to have disappeared under communism.

In fact, baby killing has remained so common that the government has to enact a new law to forbid it. "Infanticide by drowning and any other acts causing serious harm to infants are prohibited," the 1980 Marriage Law states. Now, *China Youth Daily* insists: "These inhuman and brutal acts should not be tolerated."

The alarming rise in the killing of girls is a direct result of China's one-child-family drive which seeks to dramatically reduce the population of over one billion. Although an extensive birth control campaign has not prevented a marked rise in population, Peking still shrinks from enacting a national population control law.

At provincial government-level, however,

rewards, punishments, and mass mobilization are being employed to persuade newlyweds to limit themselves to one child.

Little girls, like pandas, are thus becoming an endangered Chinese species as the increasingly draconian population campaigns bring lingering Chinese prejudices against females to the surface. In 1981, Deng Yingchao, the widow of Premier Chou En Lai and China's most honored woman, attacked the "feudal" ideal that women are inferior.

Early this year, a Central Committee member admitted to the All-China Women's Federation that women are still cursed and beaten by their husbands and mothers-in-law for bearing girl babies. Drowning girl babies often occurs, the party leader said.

As *China Youth Daily* points out, many Chinese still believe that without a son there can be no descendants. Only male children hand down the family name, and can worship and nourish their ancestors. More practically, from their parents' standpoint, girls are economically "lost" when they enter their husbands' families. Unlike urban workers, Chinese peasants receive minimal social security when they retire, and rely on their children for support. Girls provide this support chiefly for their parents-in-law.

The *China Youth Daily* warns of an additional consequence if the killing goes on: within 20 years there will be a national shortage of wives. It is not that Most Chinese kill their newborn girl babies. What they hope for are several males to care for them in their old age and to increase the family income.

HOW DOES NITROGLYCERINE WORK IN ANGINA?

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: After celebrating my 45th birthday party, I developed pain in my chest on walking home from the hotel — a matter of only three blocks. I had to stop at least three times before I could continue walking. The pain was so bad, I knew it must be angina. A visit to the doctor the next day confirmed it. He took an ECG which showed changes in my coronary circulation. He put me on nitroglycerine tablets under my tongue. I take only two or three a day. But, I wonder at the miraculous effect. How do they cause the pain to disappear in so short a time? — Mr. C.

Dear Mr. C.: The miracle is produced by taking a "load off the heart." Even rest often accomplishes this — without the aid of nitroglycerine. In angina, a patient's pain may come on during physical activity or emotional tension. Taking nitroglycerine as a preventive may allay chest pain. Nitroglycerine works by causing dilation of the veins throughout the body, pooling the blood, and reducing the venous return to the heart. This reduces the heart's size and lessens its work. The drug also lowers systolic blood pressure. The combined result is lower oxygen consumption. It is the need for more oxygen that causes the heart to cry out in pain. Nitroglycerine even dilates the coronary arteries temporarily. There are other ways to take the nitrates to relieve angina. For example, long acting oral isosorbide dinitrate pills (sorbitrate, isordil, etc.) may reduce the number of angina attacks. Nitroglycerine action may be supplied by nitroglycerine ointment. A new method is by skin patches of nitroglycerine.

Newer drugs like beta blockers and calcium channel blockers are also effective.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I suffer from a dilemma common to many women. I have a breast lump. The question is how to treat it. My doctor sent me to a surgeon who said he prefers what he calls the one-stage procedure. In other words, I go under the anesthetic not knowing whether or not I'm going to wake up with my breast missing. I've asked by doctor to recommend another surgeon for an added opinion. This one suggests that I have the two-stage procedure. First, he will do the minor operation of cutting out the tumor and sending it to the laboratory for examination. If it is cancer, I'll know all about it before my breast is removed. If it is not cancerous, I'll be saved from all the unnecessary worry. Which do you suggest is the best way to go about? — Mrs. D.

Dear Mrs. D.: As you can see, there are two schools of thought about this problem. I'm not hedging when I say that the choice often rests with the patient — depending upon her psychological and emotional condition. Ask yourself which procedure would give more peace of mind.

(Tomorrow: Gallstones symptoms)

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

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To ease friction with West

Japan strikes accord on reducing tariffs

TOKYO, Dec. 25 (AP) — The government cleared the way Saturday to cut tariffs on imported tobacco, biscuits and chocolate as part of an effort to ease friction with Japan's Western trading partners.

Finance ministry official Makoto Saito said measures to cut tariffs on the three items will be added to cuts approved by the Tariff Ratio Council Friday on 47 agricultural and 28 industrial items.

The plan to cut tariffs on tobacco, biscuits and chocolate had been blocked Friday by opposition from deputies in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party representing agricultural constituencies.

The measure was virtually assured approval by the LDP-controlled diet and would go into effect April 1. They would cut tobacco tariffs from 35 percent to 20 percent and on chocolate and biscuits by about 10 points to 20 percent.

Opposition to cuts on the three items caused a temporary setback for the cabinet of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone. The cuts are part of a government package of tariff reductions intended to reduce trade friction between Japan and other Western nations before Nakasone meets U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington next month.

Opponents of the three cuts objected to lack of concrete measures to ease the impact on the domestic confectionary and tobacco

industries, officials said. But negotiations within the LDP Saturday produced the consensus necessary to approve the controversial three items.

An LDP spokesman said the farm caucus approved the tariff cuts on chocolate and biscuits in exchange for guarantees the domestic sugar consumption tax would be reduced from 16 yen to 3 yen per kilogram for related industries.

The government reportedly made similar concessions to domestic tobacco growers, including guarantees that tobacco crops would be maintained at levels established for 1984.

The Tariff Ratio Council — a panel of tariff experts from private and public sectors — will not meet again in the near future, Saito said. The petition to add the three items to the tariff reductions authorized Friday is expected to be approved quickly, he said.

The council Friday approved tariff cuts on 315 items, including 240 that proposed last May. Tariffs on 97 items are to be eliminated, while the rest are to be reduced.

Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe called the cuts "the utmost" that Japan can do now in response to foreign criticism that the Japanese market is closed to imports. The measures, he said, "can be expected to bring many domestic sacrifices and difficulties." ABE is to visit Europe next month.

Tanker rates in Gulf area dip slightly

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Conditions were quite busy at first on the tanker market this week following the OPEC oil producers meeting in Vienna, although trading quietened down quickly as the year-end holidays approached.

The lack of decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at its ministerial meeting brought charterers back into the market as they realized that crude-oil price cuts had been ruled out for the time being.

Libyan ports attracted a lot of attention, with major oil companies providing a good deal of the activity.

The Gulf area was slightly easier, despite reports that a Greek vessel had been damaged in the region by Iraqi rockets. One or two supertankers were booked from Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal at a point or two less than was paid in late November.

Demand for Caribbean tonnage was also quite good, with marginally firmer rates paid to 60,000-tonners for the voyage up the U.S. Atlantic coast.

Pakistan faces power shortage

LAHORE, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Pakistan is to embark on a major electricity economy drive from Jan. 1 because of an acute shortage of power caused by the low water level of rivers and lakes, a government official said here.

The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) is to launch a massive countrywide load-shedding program lasting about 45 days, WAPDA chairman Maj-Gen. Ghulam Safdar Butt said here Thursday.

He added that the national economy should not be significantly affected, but that shops would be closed at sunset and street lights would be partially shut down.

Maj-Gen. Butt said Pakistan urgently needed at least four nuclear power stations during the next 20 years to overcome winter power shortages.

Brazil devalues currency anew

BRASILIA, Dec. 25 (AP) — The central bank announced that Brazil's currency, the cruzeiro, would be devalued by 1.54 percent against the U.S. dollar. The new rates are 251.41 to the dollar at the buyer's rate and 252.67 at the seller's rate.

The devaluation, the 39th of the year, will take effect Monday. The cruzeiro has been devalued a total of 97.81 percent against the dollar in 1982.

Weekly commodities

Copper, aluminium prices zoom to new high

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AFP) — pre-holiday trading on the commodity markets here this week featured some last-minute year-end buying orders, resulting in year-high prices for copper and aluminium. But trading was generally quiet.

Cocoa was at its highest for nine months, and a late surge by nickel put its quotations back up to October's levels.

Encouraging speculative interest were the continuing weakness of sterling, which is at its lowest for three and a half years against a basket of 22 currencies, and hopes of lower United States interest rates.

The disarray at the OPEC oil-producers meeting in Vienna at the weekend made little impression, except in the oil markets where prices eased sharply.

Gold: Firmer. Bringing a fresh steadiness to the market was the generally softer trend of the United States dollar as U.S. money rates eased. Prices went up in quiet trading, although best levels were not quite held.

Copper: Firmer. Prices reached new 13-month highs despite the 11th weekly rise in stocks (up 6,900 tons to 229,400 tons, the highest since May 1979).

The higher New York market and the upward trend of precious metals also contributed toward the rise.

Tin: Steady. The International Tin Council's buffer stock manager was again called

upon to buy metal in order to hold the market steady. The unchanged Far-Eastern market gave little fresh incentive to buyers. Stocks rose by 410 tons to 32,970 tons.

Lead: Firmer. Firm gains were made following the price rise by U.S. producers, which in turn induced short-covering despite the sharp rise in stocks (up 1,775 tons to a record 125,700 tons).

Zinc: Dull. Early small gains were gradually erased in somewhat uncertain trading. Stocks were down just 100 tons to 94,250 tons.

Silver: Firmer. Although prices fell back from their best in union with New York, sizeable gains were held over the week following news that plans to sell off the U.S. stockpile had been blocked. Stocks rose by 210,000 ounces to 34,970,000 ounces.

Aluminium: Very steady. Trading remained in a very narrow range, but prices gradually edged up to their highest since last December. Underpinning sentiment were the latest figures from the International Primary Aluminium Institute, which showed that this year's 11-month output in the Western world was 15 percent down on 1981.

Nickel: Firmer. This metal continued its erratic behavior, reversing last week's easier trend despite the sharp rise in stocks (up 810 tons to 5,040 tons — the highest since September 1980). Prices rose to their

highest for three months on the back of a burst of speculative buying. But merchants quoted an unchanged \$1.60 / 1.90 lb.

Other metals: Platinum moved up to \$366.75 (against \$360.50) or \$227.95 (against \$222.85) pounds an ounce. Cobalt eased 20 cents to \$4.30 / 4.70 lb. Quicksilver was down \$5 to \$350 / 360 a 76lb flask. Antimony was quoted at \$1,825 / 1,925 (against \$1,850 / 1,925) metric ton. Wolfram was unchanged.

Petroleum: Uncertain. Sharp selling on the gas-oil futures market resulted from the lack of decisions at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting in Vienna, which fixed a higher production target but could not agree on individual quotas. The "limit-down" fall in New York gave little buying incentive, and the trade was in general agreement that OPEC will be unable to control production. North Sea oil prices are expected to be pegged at \$33.50 barrel, at least until March — unchanged on present levels. But the spot price of North Sea crudes is back to \$30.80 after firming up to \$32.25 / 32.50 just before the OPEC meeting.

Rubber: Dull. The International Natural Rubber Organization's buffer stock manager bought an estimated 10,000 tons in the Far Eastern markets this week, bringing his total to at least 265,000 tons. Nevertheless, prices hardly changed.

Aid to Ethiopia sparks row

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Ethiopia receives relief aid equivalent to only \$8 per inhabitant, whereas other states in the least developed countries group obtain between \$17 and \$22 per capita.

And yet according to the latest World Bank statistics Ethiopia is one of the five poorest countries in the world, with an annual revenue of between \$115 and \$130.

Now controversy has built up around aid to Ethiopia and the government's relief and rehabilitation commissioner (RRC), Sbeimelis Adugna, this week expressed regret at what he termed as "baseless and wild rumors" in the foreign media that relief aid to his country was being diverted for other purposes.

The RRC is the body responsible for distributing aid to Ethiopia's five million needy (out of an estimated population of 32 million), people who are in drought zones, or who have been displaced by the war with Somalia over the Ogaden or by the continuing 20-year fight against Eritrean nationalists.

Adugna, speaking after he signed an agreement with West Germany for 3,000 tons of wheat in relief aid, said that every

cent, every ounce and every item of aid to the country reached their proper destination.

German Ambassador Von Pachelbel said that his government would continue to provide relief. Arguments over the use of aid to Ethiopia broke out last month when the parliament of the European Economic Community adopted a resolution calling for a ban on relief supplies to Ethiopian grounds that aid was being diverted for non-humanitarian purposes.

EEC Development Commissioner Edgar Pisani, sent a message to the Ethiopian authorities last month assuring them that the Common Market could not alter its policy toward Ethiopia.

The EEC is one of the main sources of aid to this country with pledges of relief aid worth some \$50 million annually.

Karl Harbo, an EEC economist based in Addis Ababa said that his delegation "would not be doing our job" if the aid was diverted from its objective. "We cannot verify everything," he said.

Supported by the World Food Program and the World Bank, the RRC has now started building stocks of food for emergencies, whether in Ethiopia or somewhere in East Africa.

Turkish plan faces obstacles

ANKARA, Dec. 25 (R) — Attempts to transform the Turkish economy seem to be in difficulty as the fourth year of the radical monetarist program approaches, despite the successes achieved to date, according to economic and diplomatic commentators here.

The resignation last July of then Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, ambitious inflation reduction targets and serious problems in the financial and industrial sectors point to difficulties ahead for the recovery program, they said.

The program, begun in January 1980, eight months before the military takeover, aimed at making the economy market-orientated and reducing state intervention to a minimum.

The departure of Ozal led to a loss of momentum, even though the policy may not have changed, diplomats say.

Ozal, who had overall responsibility for the economy, resigned after the collapse of the country's largest financial brokerage house, and Adnan Baser Kafanglu became finance minister.

Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu also said recently that reducing inflation to the 1983 target of 20 percent is likely to be harder than the reduction from 100 percent to 25 percent achieved since 1980. Economists have criticized the government's calculation of inflation, saying the real rate may be as high as 40 percent.

The balance of payments deficit envisaged in Kafanglu's budget for 1983, ratified by the ruling military council, is \$400 to \$500 mil-

lion after an expected deficit this year of \$680 million.

The import bill this year is officially estimated at around \$8 billion against a target of \$10 billion, the same as set for 1983, with the reduction due to depressed rates for crude and oil based products.

This could adversely affect exports, now showing signs of slowing down, as much of Turkey's export boom has been to Middle East and north African markets. The 1983 export target is \$7.1 billion against an estimated \$5.6 to \$6 billion in 1982 and 2.9 billion in 1980.

Turkey is benefiting at present from the 1980 rescheduling of billions of dollars of foreign debt, which deferred repayment of principal until 1985.

An organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) report published recently in a Turkish economic weekly estimated Turkey will spend \$920 million on foreign debt repayments in 1983 and well over 1.5 billion in 1985 when deferred debts become due.

But despite a relatively strong-foreign trade outlook and targeted GNP growth next year of 4.8 percent from minus 1.1 percent in 1980, serious problems remain in the financial and industrial sectors.

After the collapse of the brokerage house banker Kastelli in June, steps were taken to limit interest rates for depositors in an effort to solve liquidity problems among the country's 45 banks caused by interest rate competition.

Bogota acts to lure 'hidden capital'

BOGOTA, Dec. 25 (AP) — President Belisario Betancur has decreed an "immediate, wide and generous amnesty" to lure capital from the underground economy — including the lucrative drug trade — to help end a financial crisis.

In a radio and television speech Thursday night, he said the amnesty is intended "to attract hidden capital, from wherever it comes, without looking back at its origin, without the application of any kind of sanctions, with the object that we all contribute more in the measure that corresponds to us." The major part of hidden capital in Colombia is believed to come from the lucrative cocaine and marijuana trade.

The amnesty apparently is aimed at encouraging Colombians to declare their income without the fear of reprisal and thereby increasing tax revenues to make up for a \$1.4 billion deficit. He did not explain how the measures would work or what incentives there would be to declaring the illegal income.

Betancur decreed a state of economic emergency for 50 days and announced related tax reforms. "The seriousness of the crisis and the necessity of expediting steps before the end of the year to bring about an opportune and efficient economic constitution are an economic emergency," he said.

The new president, who has embarked on an extensive morality campaign, warned Colombians that they should not forget about the longtime practice of tax evasion.

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In Asian countries

Flaws in marketing lead to high prices

BANGKOK, Dec. 25 (Depthnews) — Retail prices of food and other agricultural products in most of Asia's developing nations remain inordinately high because of flawed marketing systems.

Some of the defects date back to colonial days while others stem from present-day public policies. For instance, added costs of handling, storage, and transport increase farmgate prices of agricultural produce by 22 to 55 percent by the time these reach the retail stalls.

And this works to the disadvantage not only of consumers but the small farmers as well, says a Food and Agriculture Organization study.

Governments, however, are becoming aware of cost-effective marketing systems as key to keeping prices of basic commodities at reasonable levels, notes the study. This awareness is paving the way for the rationalization of marketing structures for agricultural produce. Improvements being undertaken by governments include reducing post-harvest losses, setting up efficient storage and marketing facilities, better transport systems and special retail outlets catering only to the low-income groups.

The study, focusing on the region's marketing structure for rice and other cereals, vegetables and fruits, pinpoints the middlemen as

another cause of price hikes. The profits they exact, in some instances, are just "excessive," says the study.

Margins imposed by middlemen (assemblers, wholesalers, processors and retailers) for rice range from 5 to 22 percent; for poultry products, 11 to 23 percent; and for vegetables, from 5 to 44 percent.

The study also attributes to physical losses the inordinate rise in prices of agricultural produce while in transit from the farms — the consumers' tables. If only there is efficiency in the physical distribution of the produce, the price mark-up could be halved, it notes.

Unfortunately, efficient marketing systems are still to take hold in the developing nations. Only Japan and South Korea have modern and efficient distribution systems, observes the study.

Trucking is the most common means of transporting farm products in the developing countries. Here, the defeat lies in poorly maintained road networks as well as equipment, according to FAO.

India is an exception. It relies solely on the railways for the transport of farm goods. However, there is not much preference for the railways because of the longer hauling time and inefficiency in handling of perishable goods, like fruits and vegetables, observes FAO.

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U.K.'s 1st in 200 years

New cheese an instant success

LONDON, Dec. 25 (R) — A new cheese devised by scientists for the British plate has been launched in a blaze of publicity — but some shoppers are wondering where to find it.

Demand for Lymeswold, billed as Britain's first new cheese in 200 years, soared after Agriculture Minister Peter Walker was seen on television tucking into what he called "one of the great national successes of the next 12 months." Now the tiny Lymeswold creamery in the west of England is working 24 hours a day on seven days a week to meet orders.

The soft, blue-veined cheese has a white exterior mould and is more like a French cheese than the hard varieties traditionally made in Britain.

Dairy Quest, the manufacturer, aimed to win a fat slice of Britain's 750 million sterling (\$1.2 billion) cheese market, but now admits it bit off more than it could chew. Advertisements declare: "You can't hurry a good cheese."

Lymeswold was launched last September on what the manufacturers later realized was an unusually quiet day for omelets and the story got extensive television and press coverage.

A company spokesman said: "This created a demand that was impossible to satisfy. Then the shortage became the omelet story and this

created a still greater shortage." Big chain store orders have flooded into the small factory at the village of Cannington in Somerset. Lymeswold went on sale at about 2.40 sterling a pound (\$9.70 per kg), slightly more expensive than French Brie, but so far a major retailer, Tesco, found it could sell four times the amount it was able to buy.

Eveo Fortnum and Mason, a select west London emporium where the price tag reads four sterling a pound (\$14 per kg), says customers buy it up as soon as it goes on the shelves. Marketing executives are staggered by Lymeswold's success.

Britons are traditionally fond of harder types of cheese such as Cheddar and Cheshire and only four percent of the cheese eaten here is classified as soft.

According to statistics of the English Country Cheese Council, a promotion body for the industry, Britons eat less of the food than any other country in Western Europe, apart from Ireland. And almost 70 percent of the cheese they do eat is hard, mild Cheddar, quite unlike the continental-style Lymeswold.

The French eat three times as much cheese as Britons. They get through 18 kg (40 pounds) per head per year, Italians 14 kg (31 pounds).

BRIEFS

ROME, (R) — The Bank of Italy announced tighter curbs on bank deposit credit to cut bank excess lending. The central bank said in a statement the obligatory reserve of deposits will be raised to 25 percent from 20 percent, effective Jan. 31.

MANAMA, (SPA) — Bahrain's government budget for the 1983 financial year will be 656 million dinars, a finance ministry official was quoted as saying Saturday. In an interview with the Bahraini weekly newspaper *Al-Nashra*, finance ministry under-secretary Isa Bou-Rashid said the new budget includes 225 million dinars for development projects and industrial infrastructure.

BUENOS AIRES, (R) — Both state and private employees in Argentina will receive a 14.1 percent increase in basic collective wage contract, pretax salaries by govern-

ment decree. Labor Minister Hector Villaverde said after a meeting with trade unionists.

ROME, (R) — Inflation in major Italian cities eased to mid-December, with the annual rate in Turin projected at 15.4 percent compared with the government's 1982 target of 16 percent, the National Statistics Institute, Istat, said. December inflation, projected from mid-month trends, slowed in Turin, Bologna, Trieste and Milan, it said.

ZURICH, (R) — Swiss interest rates have little scope for falling further in 1983, Swiss national bank President Fritz Leutwiler was quoted as saying in an interview published by three Swiss newspapers. The Swiss franc is likely to firm in 1983 because of a weakening of the dollar but the currency's decline will probably be modest, he added.

Riyal rates stay unchanged

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — The American dollar closed on a weaker note on the New York Friday night exchanges. Some losses were registered against the Japanese yen and the German mark, and even the British pound remained steady against the dollar. Trading volumes were relatively small, however, due to holiday break and dealers reported that business closed early.

Eurodollar deposit rates continued to come under pressure in New York with Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates falling to 8 percent level for the second consecutive day.

On the money markets, the one-month interest rate was traded weakly at around 9 5/16 percent but closed 1/16 percent lower by close of business in New York. The latest weekly U.S. money supply figures have been delayed until next week but the markets are divided in their opinion as to whether the awaited figures will show another huge rise in the M-1 measurement.

The bullion markets were relatively quiet and no new factors played a role. The trading volumes were again low and margins relatively narrow. Gold closed at around \$448.50 an ounce — up over the \$445 levels reached Thursday. Silver prices were also steady at around \$10.72 /10.75 an ounce.

The New York exchange markets were generally quiet prior to holiday break but

the continuing uncertainty over the direction of U.S. dollar interest rates and the "Fed's" intentions caused the dollar to ease. The Japanese yen, boosted by reports that it was probably the best candidate for an economic revival in Japan compared to the other industrialized countries, rose to close at 237.30 compared to 239/240.00 prices Thursday.

The German mark rose to 2.3890 levels with little Bundesbank support, but the Swiss franc registered the sharpest rise. The Swiss currency closed at 1.9980 compared to 2.0130 on Friday, with the Swiss central bank holding its interest rates steady.

In other currency omelets, the French franc closed at 6.7750 compared to 6.7980 on Thursday while the British pound recovered from its sharp fall to 1.5930 to close in New York at 1.6020 levels. The news of a record British current account surplus of 700 million sterling for the month of November helped the pound to rally.

The local markets had one of their quietest days on Saturday, with transactions limited to a few overnight and short-term deals in the Jeddah and Riyadh markets. Hardly any OBU — Bahraini based offshore banking unit — entered into dealing with most staff leaving early.

Riyal rates remained virtually unchanged over Thursday levels with the spot riyal/dollar exchange price quoted around 3.4400-02 and the week-fixed teor at 7-7 1/4 percent.

Seoul seen to meet debt obligations

HONG KONG, Dec. 25 (R) — South Korea, Asia's most heavily indebted country, is sufficiently equipped to manage its substantial obligations and faces no foreseeable threat of a liquidity crisis, bankers here said.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said last week Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and South Korea now account for almost all private bank net loans to non-oil developing countries.

The sharp rise in the external debt of these and other developing nations, which it did not owe, could endanger world financial stability if recession persists, it noted.

Brazil, Mexico and Argentina have in the final quarter of this year been forced to apply

to their creditor banks and the International Monetary Fund for emergency debt-refinancing aid to counter severe liquidity strains.

But South Korea is comfortably placed to avoid any such recourse, bankers said, adding they are fully confident of its ability to handle successfully its debt program.

Its total external debt at some \$36 billion is close to Argentina's \$38 billion, which is almost half of that for each Brazil and Mexico, the world's largest debtor nations.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Saturday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)		74.00
Ceylon Dollar		289.00
Dutch Mark (100)	144.25	144.60
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.50	130.85
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
French Franc (100)	93.25	93.70
Green Drachma (1,000)	50.75	48.96
Indian Rupee (100)		35.41
Iranian Rial (100)	6.25	
Iraqi Dinar	25.30	25.10
Italian Lira (1,000)		14.54
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.76	9.73
Jordanian Dinar	11.92	11.89
Kuwaiti Dinar	88.90	88.76
Lebanese Lira (100)	56.00	54.56
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	26.60
Pakistan Rupee (100)	5.58	5.55
Philippine Peso (100)	93.50	94.56
Pound Sterling		161.70
Qatari Riyal (100)	28.00	27.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	172.60	172.90
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	60.25	60.45
Swiss Franc (100)	3.45	3.44
Syrian Lira (1,000)	75.30	75.10
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
Yemeni Riyal (100)		

Selling Price Buying Price
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Ounce 1,445 1,435
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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran	127	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petrochemicals and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	229	1,000	Jan. 4
	Filling-in of low lying areas in Rafha (Third time)	2/230	500	Jan. 16

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

7RD RABI AL AWWAL 1403/22TH DECEMBER 1982

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Saudi Palm	M.E.S.A.	General/Ref	20.12.82
5.	Golden Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	22.12.82
6.	Kota Cantik	O.C.E.	Canned Food/Gen.	21.12.82
7.	Pelless	O.C.E.	Unrefined Gen.	20.12.82
8.	Al Bandari	Mofamij	Bagged Barley	17.12.82
9.	Island Mariner	A.A.	Bulk Cement	19.12.82
11.	Dauntless	Alsbah	Bagged Barley	20.12.82
12.	Melstros	Algezirah	Steel/Rice/Gan.	17.12.82
14.	Rosier Star	O.C.E.	Oranges	19.12.82
17.	Mazin	Sedaka	Oil Cakes/Tombac	18.12.82
18.	Achilles	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	13.12.82
19.	Saqr Jubail	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	21.12.82
20.	Al Mareekh	Star	Fruit/Chicken	20.12.82
21.	Pegasus	Orri	Asbestos	19.12.82
24.	Jadro	Star	Tiles	21.12.82
26.	Saudi Trader	M.E.S.A.	Timber/General	20.12.82
28.	Semell	El Hawi	Bagged Barley	20.12.82
33.	Hilco Sprinter	Star	Eggs/Fruits	17.12.82
38.	Theodoros II	Red Sea	Wire Netting/Barbed	17.12.82
40.	Ioannis III	Star	Durra	14.12.82
41.	Sarik	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	14.12.82
42.	Kara Unicorn	Star	Durra	07.12.82
43.	Maldiva Prize	Barnadiah	Bagged Barley	20.12.82

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SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

7.3.1403/22.12.1982 CHANGES OF THE PAST 48 HOURS

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Chios Clipper	O.C.E.	Frozen Chickens	21.12.82
4.	Gelora 1	Gosabli	Plywood	21.12.82
8.	Stephan Reekman	Al Tawil	Fert/Gen.	20.12.82
11.	Rice Trade	Barber	Rice	21.12.82
12.	Nefeli	Gosabli	Timber	20.12.82
14.	Ulysses	Orri	Steel	18.12.82
22.	Pamela	Kanoo	Gen./Cont.	17.12.82
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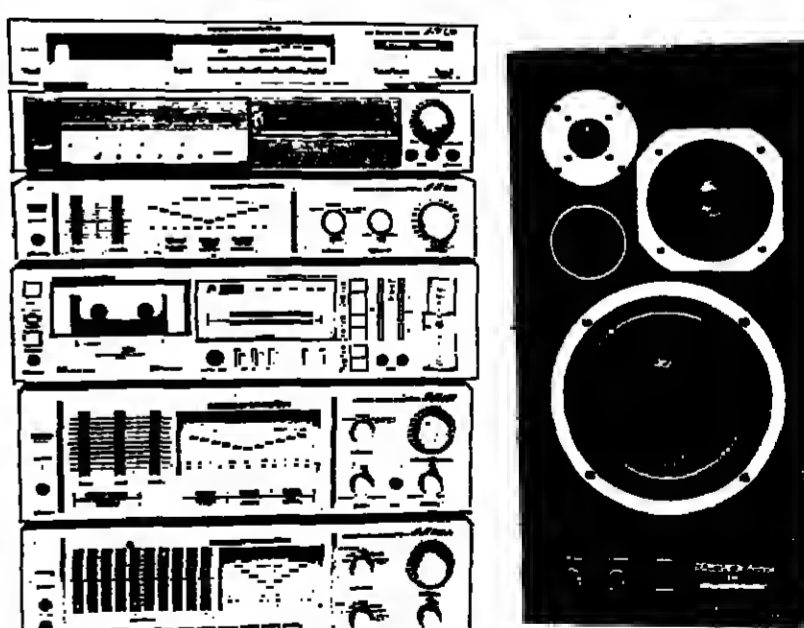
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Marked by Kim's death & Leonard's exit

The year boxing was pinned to canvas

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The richest fight in history, in which Larry Holmes successfully defended his world heavyweight title against big-punching white giant Gerry Cooney, and a final glimpse at the superb talents of prematurely-retired Sugar Ray Leonard, were among the sporadic highlights in a disappointing year of boxing.

The tragic death of South Korea's Duk Koo Kim after challenging for the world lightweight title in November reopened the great controversy as to whether or not the sport should be banned.

And while "marvellous" Marvin Hagler continued his undisputed reign as the world's best middleweight, Nicaragua's Alexis Arguello, one of an exclusive club of only six boxers to hold world records at three different weights, over-reached himself and ended up in a hospital bed when he tried, unsuccessfully to win a fourth.

Cooney, 25 years old and unbeaten in as many fights, had boxed only twice in the previous 20 months when he climbed into the ring to face Holmes for half of the 20-million dollar purse in the gaudy glitter of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on June 11.

And both of those contests hadn't lasted even one round. Cooney destroyed Ron Lyle in two minutes 49 secs in October 1980, and then needed only 54 seconds to send Ken Norton into retirement the following May.

Despite claims by the cynics that the 6ft 5in Cooney had been "beating up old men" he was generally considered to have a real chance against Holmes.

The 33-year-old champion, although unbeaten in 39 outings, had been showing cracks in his defences. He had been floored by both Earnie Shavers and Rensaldo Snipes in recent title fights, although he got up both times to dominate.

Against Cooney, Holmes, a too often under-rated and under-valued champion, silenced many of his critics with a great performance, and is currently on course to become the first black heavyweight champion to go through his career undefeated.

Cooney proved to be a worthy challenger

Favorites took a tumble in rugby jumble

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — It was an 'upside-down' year for Rugby Union world-wide with a long series of upset results, while off the field dark clouds continued to gather over the twin thorns of professionalism and South Africa.

'Any suggestions that Wales and France would be joint-holders of the 'Wooden Spoon' in the five nations tournament, that the All-Blacks would be sorely pressed at home by Australia and the Springboks cuffed by touring Argentina would have brought a broad smile 12 months ago.

But that it is what happened in 1982. As usual, it was the five nations tournament which started the ball rolling in wintry January and the shape of things to come was soon evident as Ireland, who had finished bottom of the pack the previous year, smashed once-mighty Wales 20-12 in Dublin with stand-off Campbell in supreme form.

That game had been put back one week due to abnormally cold weather which had Britain and Ireland in a spin for most of the month. Murrayfield's electric blanket had meant that the Scotland-England match took place as scheduled the previous week. It ended in a draw 9-9 draw.

From then on Ireland gained in confidence. They defeated England 16-15 in a desperately close game at Twickenham and then clinched their first triple crown in 33 years by

and produced a brave, determined and unexpectedly skillful performance. But he was technically disqualified in the 13th round when, exhausted and taking tremendous punishment, he staggered near the ropes. It was too much for his trainer and close friend Victor Valle who raced across the ring to catch his fighter.



Marvin Hagler...pretty fast



Gerry Cooney...a worthy challenger



Larry Holmes...undefeated king



Sugar Ray Leonard...quits the ring

beating Scotland 21-12 at Lansdowne Road. The Scotland win also ensured that Ireland were outright winners of the five nations tournament for the first time since 1974.

The Irish win was testimony not only to the genius of the shy Campbell, but also to the dynamic captaincy of hooker Ciaran Fitzgerald, who took over from Fergus Slattery with such effect.

The pity was that the Irish failed to rekindle their famous spirit for the Grand Slam game with France in Paris going down tamely 22-9.

England and Scotland, both kept their promising run-ins. England, on paper the best side of the five, crushed France in Paris 27-15 and outclassed Wales 17-7 at Twickenham. Scotland, outplayed France 16-7 at Murrayfield and then produced one of the most outstanding displays in recent years by demolishing the Welsh myth at Cardiff Arms Park to the tune of 34-18. It was the first time Wales had lost in the temple of rugby since 1968.

France also slumped to unimaginable depths. They chopped and changed their sides and consequently failed to inspire confidence or produce anything approaching a cohesive line-up. They finished bottom equal with Wales. England and Scotland shared the runners-up spot behind Ireland.

Then, the focus switched to the Southern

Hemisphere and strange things happened in Bloemfontein and Wellington. The unheralded South American Jaguars (the Pumas of Argentina in all but diplomatic name), confounded everyone in April by beating the famous Springboks 21-12 in the second Test. The marvellous Hugo Porta scored all his side's points to confirm his rating as the best stand-off in the world.

An accident perhaps, as the South Africans had cruised to an easy 50-18 win in the first Test one week earlier and the Pumas then disappointed late in the year with two Test losses in France. Nevertheless, it was proof if proof was needed that the South Americans are now firmly on a level with the international board countries.

The second great shockwave came in August when a weakened Australia snatched a shock 19-16 win against the All-Blacks in the second of a three-Test series at Wellington. The New Zealanders, led once again by the excellent Graham Mourie, had won the first Test 23-16 and went on to clinch the series 33-18 with a late rally in Auckland after trailing 12-15 at half-time.

Australia were without nine of their regulars for this tour and still managed to produce a brand of attacking rugby which shook the tried and tested ten-man-crash-ball All-Black style.

The Australians went down 7-12 to touring Scotland in the first of two Tests in Brisbane. One week later they gained revenge, however, with a crushing 35-9 win in Sydney.

Outside of the international board countries, Fiji had a disappointing tour of England and Scotland, while both Romania and the Soviet Union had wins over France (the latter against a French XV).

Earlier the Irish-American boxer had fought back well after a second-round knock down, and had he not had three penalty points awarded against him for low punches, he would have gone into the 13th round leading Holmes on points on two of the three judges cards.

Undisputed world welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard resisted the temptation to climb back in the ring for one more big money-spinning catchweight fight against Marvin Hagler and announced his retirement from the sport in November at the age of 26.

Leonard, who earned some 40 million dollars after his wars with Roberto Duran of Panama in 1980 and Thomas Hearns of the United States in 1981, was in action for just three rounds at Reno in February. There he successfully stopped compatriot Bruce Finch to keep his title, but few of those present realised they would never see Leonard box again.

A detached eye retina was detected while he trained for his next outing — probably caused during his 14-round victory over Hearns the previous September — and he underwent surgery in May.

Although reported to have fully recovered, Leonard wisely decided to retire rather than risk permanent injury.

Leonard, Olympic champion at Montreal in 1976 was beaten only once in 33 fights as a professional — by Duran in 1980. He avenged that defeat and took back his title later the same year. He first took the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight crown from Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Benitez in November 1979.

South Korean boxer Duk Koo Kim was just 23 years old when died in a Las Vegas hospital four days after being knocked out in the 14th round of his World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight title fight against reigning champion Ray Mancini of the United States.

Kim never regained consciousness after crashing to the canvas. His mother, Sun-Yeo Yang, took the terrible decision to turn off the life-support machine when doctors pronounced Kim "clinically" dead with no signs of brain life.

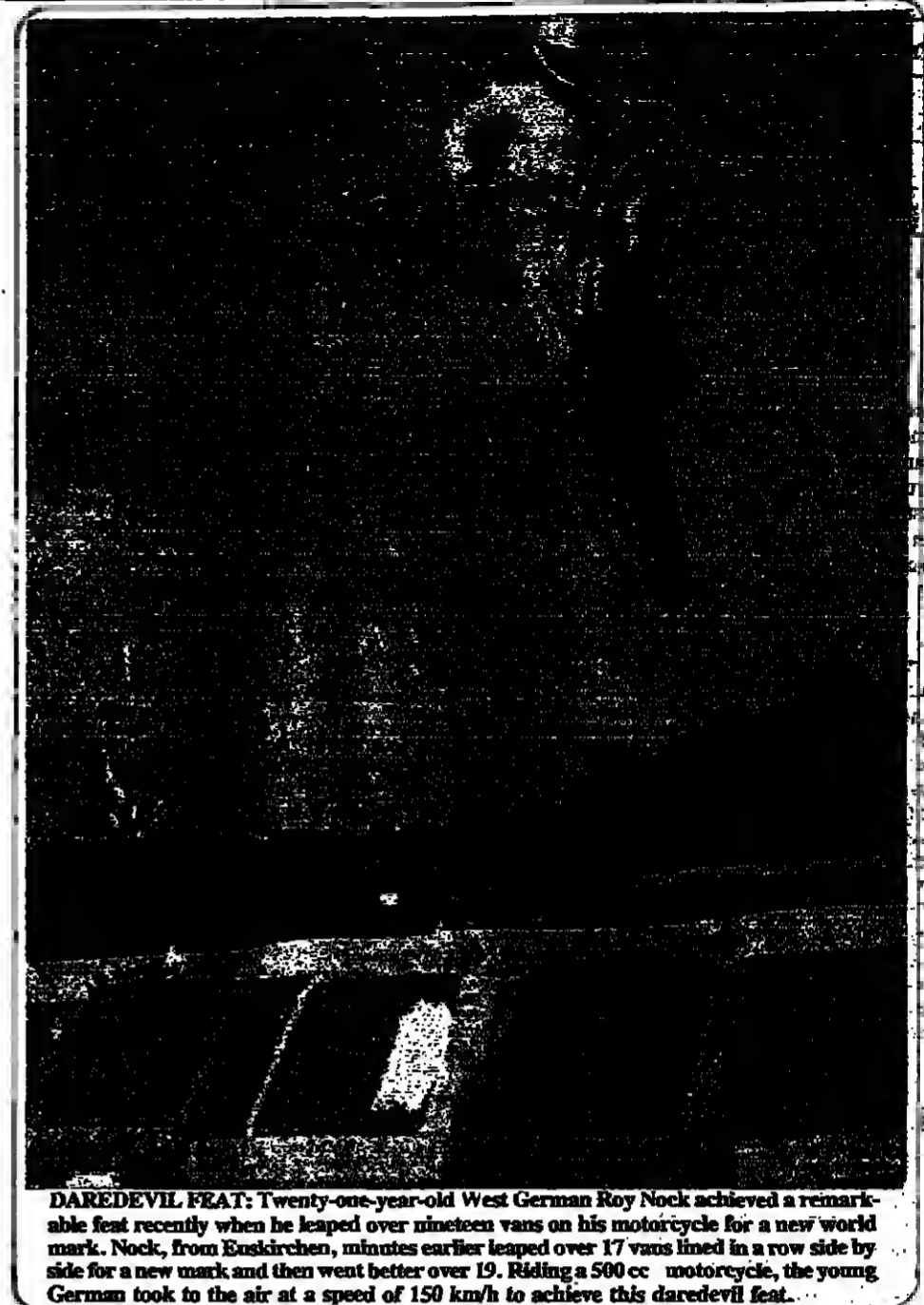
The influential New York Times carried a strong leading article after the fight under the headline "Brain-beating is not a sport," and support for groups calling for the abolition of boxing swelled throughout America.

Shaven-skulled Marvin Hagler continued to dominate his division. He had two outings in 1982 and needed just six rounds to dispose of his opponents. Compatriot William Lee wasn't around to hear the bell to end the first round when he fought Hagler at Atlantic City in March while the last victim of the hard-hitting Boston southpaw was Fulgencio Obelmejias of Venezuela, who went only five rounds at San Remo in October.

Hagler, who took his title from Britain's Alan Minter in September 1980, can expect a stiffer challenge when he faces another British boxer in the New Year — former European champion Tony Sibson. But although Sibson will be in with a good left-hooker's chance of the title, Hagler will still start a hot favorite and his defeat would be a major upset.

In Miami last month, American WBA light-welterweight champion Aaron Pryor ended Alexis Arguello's hopes of winning a fourth world title. The South American suffered the first knock-out of his career when Pryor exploded a tremendous punch on Arguello's temple. It ended what had been a bruising spectacular, the result of which could have gone either way.

Arguello, current WBC lightweight champion and former holder of the world featherweight and junior-lightweight titles, needed a hospital check-up after the fight. Twenty-four hours later, however, he proclaimed that he wanted another chance at Pryor's title.



DAREDEVIL FEAT: Twenty-one-year-old West German Roy Nock achieved a remarkable feat recently when he leaped over nineteen vans on his motorcycle for a new world mark. Nock, from Euskirchen, minutes earlier leaped over 17 vans lined in a row side by side for a new mark and then went better over 19. Riding a 500 cc motorcycle, the young German took to the air at a speed of 150 km/h to achieve this daredevil feat.

With Bulgaria not far behind

Lifters restored Soviet pride

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Only an unexpected failure by featherweight world record holder Redzhebi Redzhebo to make a lift with his three attempt at the snatch denied Bulgaria the overall team title at the World Weightlifting Championships in Yugoslavia this year.

The Soviets edged out Bulgaria by 22 points, although both countries won four categories each, with the other two going, surprisingly, to Poland.

Medals at World Championships, as opposed to the Olympics, are awarded for the performances in the two types of lift — snatch and clean and jerk — as well as the overall standings and on that basis, the Soviet Union finished with 28 medals — six more than the Bulgarians, who did, however, win more gold medals.

The Bulgarians, a second-rate nation at this sport just 15 years ago, have eclipsed the Soviets twice since they first broke the Russian stranglehold at the 1972 Munich Olympics. That was at the 1974 World Championships in Manila and the 1979 European Championships in Czechoslovakia.

Next year's World Championships take place in the Soviet Union and the battle should be even greater as the Bulgarians won eight out of 10 titles at this year's junior competition in Sao Paolo.

In all, 13 world records were broken at

Ljubljana in September, nine of them by Bulgarians. The Soviets and Poles claimed two new world marks.

That a small country as Bulgaria should be able to challenge the Russians is probably best explained by the different way weightlifting is run in both countries. Whenever anyone shows any promise in Bulgaria he is immediately drafted into the national squad. The Soviets are somewhat hampered by their own vast numbers and club rivalries.

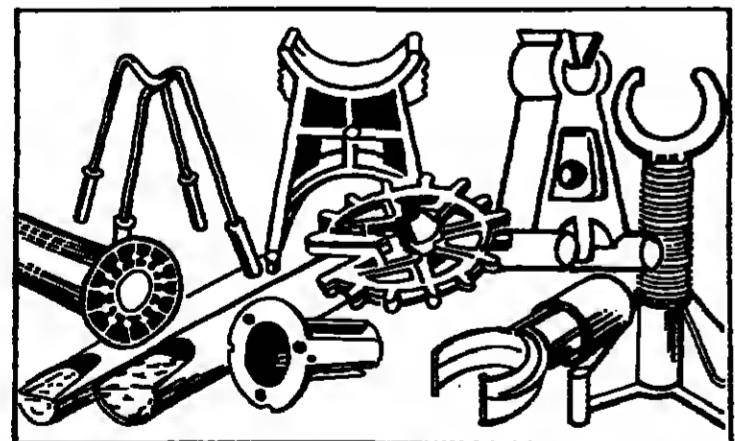
Weightlifting is organized at club level and the different clubs are all keen to get their own competitors into the national side. The fact that there are so many good weightlifters makes the trials probably as hard as the World Championships, which is perhaps not the best way to prepare for the world events.

Ljubljana produced several exciting competitions but none more than at middle-heavyweight where Bulgaria's reigning champion Blagoi Blagoyev resisted the Soviet Union's four-time middleweight champion Yuri Vardanyan, who had stepped up a division to challenge the Bulgarian.

Anatoli Pissarenko, whose victory in Lille, France, last year heralded a new era of slimmer super heavyweights, easily held onto his title as the strongest man in the world. Piotr Mandra, at lightweight, and Stefan Leletko, at flyweight, gained unexpected successes for Poland.

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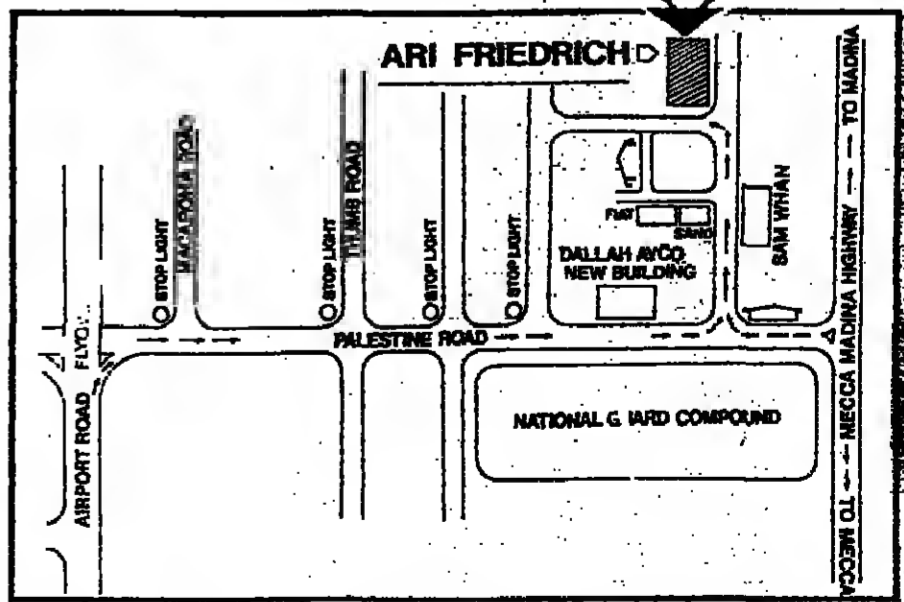
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As India slumps after a fine start

Imran puts Pakistan in sight of big victory

KARACHI, Dec. 25 (AFP) — A fiery spell of nine overs by Pakistan fast bowler and captain Imran Khan had India facing the prospect of an innings defeat at the end of the third day of the second Test here Saturday.

After the Pakistan innings finally came to an end with a massive 452 runs on the board, Imran struck with five wickets at a cost of just 31 runs to send the Indians crashing to a disastrous 118 for seven, having at one stage been 100 for one. In the process Imran picked up his 200th Test wicket, to join an elite band of cricketers.

Having been skittled out for just 169 in their first innings, India are still 165 runs short of the target to make Pakistan bat again, with only three wickets in hand.

Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar and Arun Lal opened the Indian second innings shortly after lunch, facing the hostile pace attack of Imran Khan and Jaleeluddin, and started confidently. But with the score on 28, Imran introduced leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, who met with immediate success, trapping Arun Lal lbw for 11 with his very first ball, a characteristic googly.

Dilip Vengsarkar joined Gavaskar, and the pair pushed the score steadily on, and brought up the 100 with just 139 minutes of the innings gone. Both Gavaskar, on 42, and Vengsarkar, with 37, were shaping well and it

looked as if the Indians would reach a respectable total. But then Imran returned and was soon the architect of a dramatic Indian collapse.

He immediately bowled Gavaskar for 42, and then Gundappa Vishwanath for a duck,

and later trapped Mohinder Amarnath lbw for three.

Imran's next victim was Sandeep Patil, who went without scoring, wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani was caught at silly mid-on off Abdul Qadir for one, and then Imran struck again

when he bowled Kapil Dev for one to take his total of Test wickets over the 200 mark.

The main feature of this morning's play, was the century of Mudassar Nazar, who scored 119 before being caught behind by wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani off Kapil Dev. Mudassar hit 12 fours in an innings which lasted 294 minutes and was involved in a record fifth-wicket partnership of 213 runs with Zaheer Abbas Friday.

Pakistan, starting at the overnight total of 349 for four lost four wickets in the pre-lunch session for the addition of 103 runs. The wickets to fall were Imran Khan, who hooked a bouncer from Kapil Dev to long-on and was caught by Mohinder Amarnath for a well made 33.

Wasim Bari joined Mudassar Nazar and the pair carried the score to 427 before Mudassar was caught behind for 119. At the same score Kapil Dev clean bowled newcomer Abdul Qadir for a duck. Wasim Bari was then caught by Arun Lal a few minutes before lunch to bring the Pakistan score to 452 for nine.

Indian paceman, Kapil Dev, who got only one wicket the previous day, proved a terror to the Pakistan batsmen on Saturday and claimed five wickets, the day's other wicket falling to Dilip Doshi. Sunday is a rest day and play will resume Monday.

Score-board	
India (1st innings):	
Overnight: Mohsin Khan 12, Mansoor Akhtar 0, Salim Malik 3, Javed Miandad 39, Zaheer Abbas 186.	
Mudassar Nazar c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	119
Imran Khan c Amarnath b Kapil Dev	33
Wasim Bari c Arun Lal b Doshi	30
Abdul Qadir b Kapil Dev	0
Sarfraz Nawaz b Kapil Dev	13
Jaleeluddin not out	0
Extras	17
Total	452
India (2nd innings):	
S. Gavaskar b Imran Khan	42
Arun Lal lbw Qadir	11
D. Vengsarkar batting	53
G. Vishwanath b Imran Khan	0
M. Amarnath b Imran Khan	0
S. Patel b Imran Khan	0
S. Kirmani c Malik b Qadir	1
Kapil Dev b Imran Khan	0
Mahin Lal batting	0
Extras	7
Total (for 7 wickets)	118
Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-102, 3-108, 4-112, 5-112, 6-113, 7-114.	
Bowling: Imran 14-3-31-5; Jaleeluddin 5-1-14-0; Sarfraz 8-1-19-0; Abdul Qadir 16-1-47-2.	



Imran Khan...a rich haul.

In Orange Bowl junior tennis

Edburg, Hernandez claim crowns

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Stefan Edburg of Sweden and Claudia Hernandez of Mexico won their respective under-16 finals at the Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Championships here Friday.

Edburg, the top seed, started shakily but beat fifth-seeded American Robby Weiss 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Hernandez, seeded three, also needed three sets to beat Sweden's Karin Anderholm, the fourth seed, 6-2, 1-6, 6-0.

In the under-18 competition Haitian Ronald Aenor, the No. 7 seed, who lives in France, caused an upset in the quarterfinal when he easily knocked out the third-seeded French player Tarik Benhabiles 6-2, 6-2.

But another Frenchman, top-seeded Guy Forget, the world junior champion, went through to the semifinals, beating 15-year-old American Aaron Krickstein 6-3, 7-6.

The two other semifinal berths are filled by Spaniards Martin Jaitte and Jorge Bardon, who beat Italian Eduardo Artaldi and Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia, respectively. There were no surprises in the girls' under-18 quarterfinals, in which the four top seeds all went through to the semifinals.

BOYS (Under-16) Final: Stefan Edburg beat Robby Weiss 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. (Under-18 quarter-final): Guy Forget beat Aaron Krickstein 6-3, 7-6; Ronald Aenor beat Eduardo Artaldi 6-0, 6-1; Jorge Bardon beat Karel Novacek 6-4, 6-2.

GIRLS (Under-16) Final: Claudia Hernandez beat Karin Anderholm 6-2, 1-6, 6-0. (Under-18 quarterfinals): Beth Herr beat Sabrina Golez 6-4, 6-1; Gretchen Rush beat Annamaria Cecchini 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Carline Bassett beat Tafaella Reggi 6-3, 6-1; Maucela Malceva beat Olga Votavova 6-1, 6-1.

Meanwhile, our correspondent, Susan Saporito, adds from Houston, that two world ranked Texans recently announced their entries in the Virginia Slims of Houston tennis series which will be played in the Astrodome from Jan. 10.

Zina Garrison (No. 15) of Houston and Anne Smith (No. 13) of Dallas attended a press conference at the Inn on the Park to announce their intentions of striving for the \$27,500 first prize.

Recognized as one of the premier doubles players in tennis, Smith has won five donbles championships this year and has been a runner-up seven times. Smith and Kevin Curran teamed up to win the Wimbledon mixed doubles and again in late August to capture the U.S. Open donbles title.

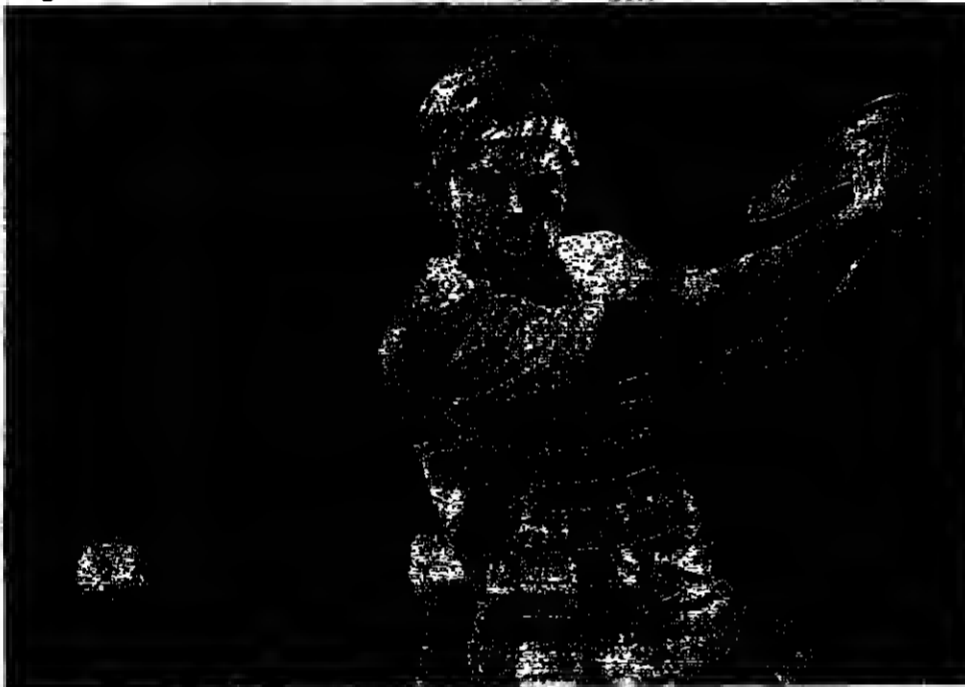
Although Smith reached the quarterfinals in Wimbledon singles before losing to Bettina Bunge, the semifinals in the Cincinnati Avon tourney before dropping the match to Bunge again and reached the finals in the Washington Avon, defeating Mary Lou Piatek, Tracy Austin and Pam Shriver, Smith's accom-

ishments may have been greater had she not contacted the mumps in England during Wimbledon.

It came at a time, Smith said, when she was playing the most consistent tennis in her four years as a professional. "I felt I was on a roll," Smith said. "I started out the year really well. And I didn't end it to bad either."

Before Smith can pursue the Houston Virginia Slims title, she must undergo an

extensive physical examination to determine if she has mononucleosis. The examination follows Smith's premature return to tennis at summer's end. Garrison and Smith join Marina Navratilova (No. 1), Andrea Jaeger (No. 3), Shriver (No. 6) and Sylvia Hanika (No. 10) in the \$150,000 tournament. Bonnie Gadusek, Andrea Leand, Claudia Kohde, Kathy Jordan, Leslie Allen, Dianne Fromholtz, JoAnne Russell and Piatek also have entered.



ALL CONCENTRATION: Sweden's Stefan Edburg is all concentration as he gets set to smash a Weiss return with a stinging backhand during the under-16 final of the Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Championship at Miami Beach Friday.

Ehlvest-Hansen tie drawn

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, Dec. 25 (AP) — Jaan Ehlvest of the Soviet Union held Danish title-defender Curt Hansen to a draw with black in their fifth-round encounter in the European Junior Chess Championship here Friday.

It was the first draw in the tournament for Hansen, who had won his four games in the previous rounds and maintained a half-point lead over Ehlvest, Scotland's Mark Condie and Holland's Friso Nijboer in the standings of the 30-player championship.

Ehlvest had a clear edge throughout the game after profiting from Hansen's over-optimistic handling of the opening, a queen's gambit declined. But in the end, the Dane was able to stop a recklessly advanced black pawn and the encounter was drawn at the

41st move. Nijboer and Condie joined Ehlvest in second place after winning their games in Friday's round. Nijboer overcame Czechoslovakia's Igor Stohl with white in 28 moves from an English opening, while Condie defeated Jose Gil of Spain in 42 moves from a Sicilian defense with black.

Other results of the fifth round in the under-21 tournament: Carlo D'Amore, Italy — Pierre Moulin, Belgium, 1-0; Manuel Bosboom, Holland — Pia Cramling, Sweden, 1-0; Einar Brekken, Norway — Piotr Stanislawski, Poland 0-1; Daniel King, England — Lars Schandorff, Denmark, 1/2-1/2; Juergen Graf, West Germany — Elvar Gudundsson, Iceland, 1/2-1/2; Milan Francic, Yugoslavia — Josef Klingner, Austria, 1/2-1/2.

Tamas Utasi, Hungary — Luis Galego, Portugal, 1-0; Eser Ipekyilmaz, Turkey — Sean Coffey, Ireland, 0-1; Stavros Lazaridis, Greece — Fredy Berend, Luxembourg, 1-0.

The adjourned game from the previous round between Klingner and Utasi ended in a victory for the Austrian player.

Spurs down memory lane

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP) — The stirring midfield play of Danny Blanchflower, the speed of winger Cliff Jones and the uncanny goal-scoring talents of Jimmy Greaves are just three of the memories evoked in a new book just published about the team all three played for Tottenham Hotspur, better known in Britain as "the Spurs."

Entitled "And the Spurs go marching on," the publication marks the centenary of Tottenham, one of England's most famous soccer clubs, and traces the history of the club from its foundation in 1882 to last year's 100th FA Cup final at Wembley when Spurs retained the trophy after a replay with Queens' Park Rangers.

Tottenham, whose name is synonymous with style and attacking play, remains the only team from outside the football league to win the Cup, when in 1901, it defeated Sheffield United while still in the Southern League.

But those were early days and the greatest period in Tottenham's history came 60 years later when, in 1961, it became the first British team to win the League Championship and FA Cup "double," a feat produced once since, ironically by north London rival Arsenal.

Most of the 200 photographs in the book have never been published before, and the complete chronological record of every first class match ever played by Tottenham is believed to be a first among British clubs. The book also lists the team's league position in every season and all goalscorers.

Published by Hamlyn at 9.95 pounds (\$16.30), the book begins with a lookback at that famous Tottenham team of the early 1960s, reviewed appropriately by Blanchflower, who was captain and is now a successful author and sports writer.

Blanchflower was also skipper of the Northern Ireland side that reached the last eight of the 1958 World Cup.

Football is not really about winning, or goals, or saves or supporters. It's about glory, about doing things in style, doing them with a flourish," Blanchflower writes, epitomizing the attitude of the Tottenham players.

The teamwork associated with the 1960s Spurs side was summed up in Blanchflower's reply when the Duchess of Kent, inspecting the teams before the start of the 1961 Cup final, remarked that the Leicester City players had their names on their track suits and asked why Spurs did not. "Ah well, mam," replied Blanchflower. "You see, we all know one another." Tottenham won the match 2-0.

No Tottenham outfit has come anywhere close to matching the skills of the 1960s side although the current squad is arguably the best Cup team in the land and possesses a number of gifted players — including three England internationals — who might challenge for the league title at the end of this season.

All set for the showdown

UCLA quarterback Tom Ramsey (left) directs members of the Bruins offensive line during practice session Friday in preparation for the team's upcoming Rose Bowl game against the Michigan Wolverines while below: Texas A & M football coach, Jackie Sherrill, who is looking after the South offense in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic, rests on the back of Reggie Collier of Southern Mississippi during workout in Montgomery. Sherrill says he will ride on quarterback Collier's back to victory. Sherrill and Collier are flanked by TCU's Stanley Washington (left) and CBY Austin of Clemson.



Japanese judokas back to top

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Japan sounded out an ominous warning that they are almost back to their best to end what had been a quiet year for judo with the focus fixed far ahead to next year's World Championships and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

The Japanese hosted the annual Kano Cup in Tokyo attracting a huge field of 220 judokas from 35 countries and promptly won six out of seven titles through Hosokawa, Kashiwasaki, Nakanishi, Hikage, Suwa and the incomparable giant Yamashita.

Only David Bodavelli of the Soviet Union broke the spell in the 86 kg middleweight class as Japan struck an important psychological blow against their main European rivals. Their cause was helped by the fact that they had trained to a peak for the Kano Cup while the leading Europeans had planned their season around the European Championships in Rostock, East Germany in May.

Once again, home advantage proved vital here with the East Germans halting what was becoming a slow decline. Their young heavyweight hope Hans Stohr looked most impressive in disposing of Olympic champion Angelo Parisi of France and the evergreen Torsten Reissmann shook another Frenchman Thierry Rey with a spectacular uchi

mata in the final. Alexander Yatskievitch of the Soviet Union joined Reissmann and Stohr as the most impressive winner. Britain's world champion Neil Adams looked out of sorts but still managed to win at lightweight.

All seven European titles changed hands in Rostock which proves a certain state of flux, while France who surprisingly came away from East Germany without a single title, gained revenge later by winning the all-European team title with magnificent win over the Soviets.

East Germany, as usual stayed away from Milan on the basis that the event is not on the Olympic program, but even they would have been hard pressed to compete with a determined French team.

The Soviets, with their strongest team on display, looked to have victory assured until Angelo Parisi surprised Alexander Tiurin in the heavyweights to level the scores and in the play-off match Guy Delvingt clinched the title for the French.

It now remains to be seen whether the Europeans can once again close the gap on the Japanese while at the same time fighting off the increasing challenge of powerful new forces such as Cuba and South Korea.



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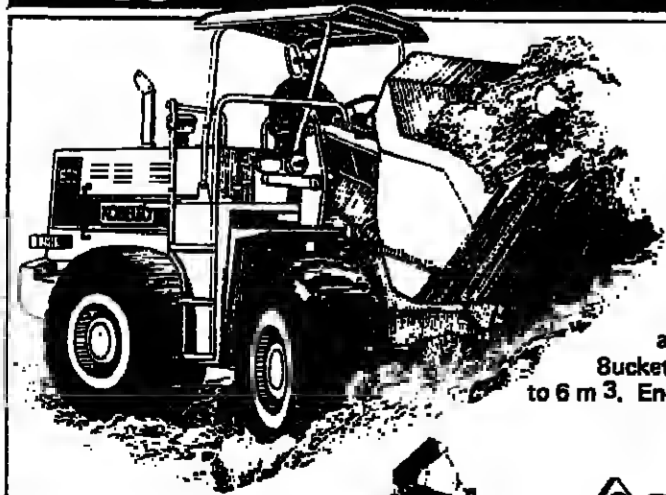
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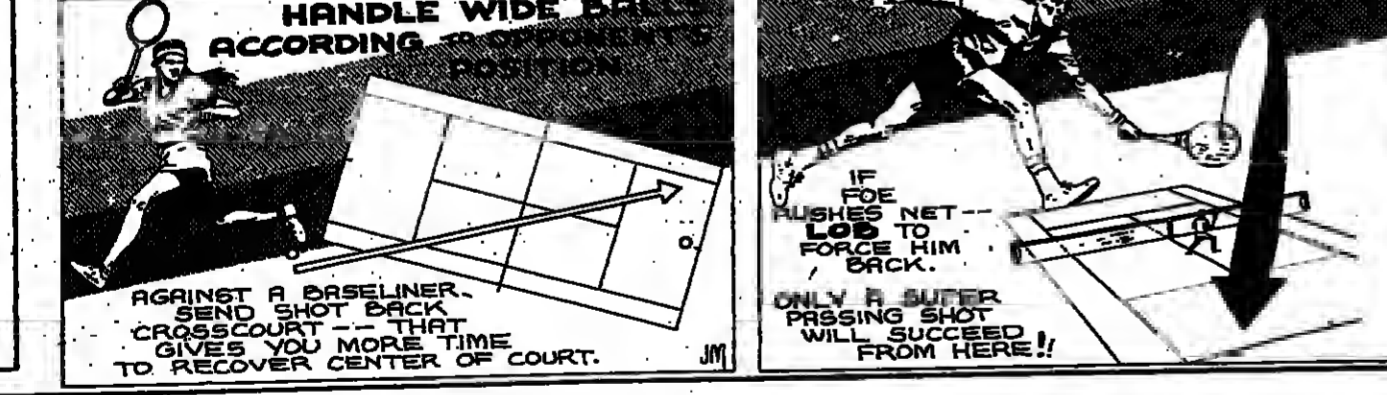


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Franco-Soviet ties set for improvement

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The strain which has marked Franco-Soviet relations since the Socialists came to power here over 18 months ago is apparently easing off, observers said here Friday after the announcement that French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson will visit the Soviet Union early next year.

The visit, planned for February and announced Friday, will be the first working trip by a French foreign minister to the Soviet Union in four years. As such, it comes as France's first gesture of "goodwill" toward the Soviet Union since President Francois Mitterrand's severe condemnation of Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

But Cheysson himself has repeatedly stressed that ties between Moscow and Paris cannot be "normalized" until the Soviet Union moves out of Afghanistan. And authoritative sources here warned against interpreting the visit as a move toward the resumption of "normal" relations, which are generally

characterized by a constant interchange of views between two countries.

But when he announced the forthcoming trip during a farewell lunch to the Soviet ambassador here Friday, Cheysson nevertheless insisted on the "great importance" France placed on this "political visit". The government, he said, had taken its decision "in a spirit of lucidity and goodwill".

Cheysson recently tipped that 1983 could be an extremely "dangerous" year due to the uncertain outcome of the ongoing U.S.-Soviet Strategic talks. These pessimistic forecasts probably weighed heavily on France's decision to pursue a top-level dialogue with the Soviet Union.

As for President Mitterrand, he expressed hopes in a recent press interview here that Yuri Andropov's succession to Leonid Brezhnev as Soviet Communist Party chief would be followed by significant changes in Soviet policies, notably in Afghanistan.

Champion rights, Kim says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (R) — Leading South Korean dissident Kim Dae-Jung has advised Americans to speak openly on human rights rather than follow President Reagan's "quiet diplomacy" policy.

Kim, 57, a strong opponent of South Korean military rule, arrived here Thursday for medical treatment after being released from a 20-year jail term in Seoul. In an interview with *The Washington Post* Friday, he said: "The main object of my stay is treatment of my illness (arthritis), and then later, if I have time, I will study, but I will attempt to go back. I don't have a plan to stay here for long."

Kim said he had been told by friends that the Reagan administration had pressed efforts to get him released through diplomatic channels. "I would like to add that, clearly, when Ronald Reagan was elected, there was a great concern over the human rights issue."

Kim, who lived under the threat of a death sentence for sedition until it was commuted in January, 1981, partly because of pressure from the United States and Japan, went on: "Of course, I thank them (the Reagan administration) for what happened to me personally. But as far as I know, it is widely perceived by the Korean people that the human rights issue under the Reagan administration has been retreating. America should speak out openly for justice."

On Vietnam, Kim said the United States would have been in better shape if it had supported democracy and human rights and had rejected military dictatorship in that country. Instead, Kim said, the Vietnam experience led only to frustration for Americans, a blow to U.S. credibility in the world and "disappointment to those who support democracy."

N. Koreans train Ugandan army

NAIROBI, Dec. 25 (AP) — The first batch of 83 army officer-cadets has graduated from an artillery course taught by North Korean instructors. Uganda radio reported Saturday.

Addressing the cadets, Vice President Paulo M'unga expressed gratitude to North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung for providing the assistance and said the Ugandan Army could now meet any threat to national security, the broadcast said.

The leader of the North Korean training mission, Gen. Joy Chung, also spoke at the passing-out ceremony but the state-run radio did not report any details of his speech, given in Bomo, 15 kilometers north of Kampala,

the capital. The number of North Korean army personnel in the East African country has not been made public.

Earlier this year, two North Korean military advisers were killed in a guerrilla ambush in Uganda. One of the several active insurgent groups, the Uganda freedom movement, claimed responsibility for the incident.

The training mission was sent to Uganda following the visit to North Korea by Ugandan President Milton Obote. North Korea has military advisers in several African countries, including Zimbabwe. The Ugandan army also is receiving assistance from a 36-member commonwealth training group.



LIGHTS: Hot air balloonists lit up their craft simultaneously this week in downtown Phoenix in observance of the year-end festivities. Fourteen balloonists participated in the two-hour display planned by balloonist George Silvers.

'Soviets experiencing winter that never was'

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (AP) — Russia is experiencing its mildest winter of the century, and Soviets who thrive on Arctic cold are wondering whether the snows will ever come. They're calling it the winter that never was.

"The deeper the winter, the more erratic the weather. Even the most experienced old-timers can't recall such a warm December," the Soviet news agency Tass reported Saturday. The temperature hit 45 F in Moscow on Dec. 12, the warmest day since 1886, and the thermometers have seldom dipped much below freezing the entire month. Snow that clogged the city during a brief cold snap in November has long since melted, and streets are now wet and muddy from the thaw.

Muscovites are usually enjoying cross country skiing and ice skating on frozen rivers by this time every year, but they've been frustrated by the spring-like conditions. "The last snow is melting on the Russian plain. Ice is breaking up on the small rivers and the big ones haven't frozen yet. The grass is waking up along the foggy shores and starting to glisten with fresh green," Tass said.

The mild weather has triggered early buds

on bushes and allowed hobby gardeners to enjoy some spices months past the usual end of growing season. One Muscovite said he plucked sprigs of parsley from his kitchen outside the city this weekend.

The mild weather extends 4,828 kilometers along the western border of the country to the central Siberia on the mighty Yenisei River. At the big industrial city of Krasnoyarsk, which is usually swept with blizzards and Polar cold at this time of year, the temperature was hovering at 32 F on Christmas Day.

Conditions were frigid as normal in Eastern Siberia and the Soviet far east. Magadan, a major port city in sea of Okhotsk, recorded 53 F on Saturday, and Polar cold and heavy snow has been the rule all season in the old fur trading center of Yakutsk.

But much of the rest of the Soviet Union has experienced unusually mild weather since autumn. On Saturday, the temperature was 63 F in some areas of the southern Georgian Republic, and 61 F in Turkmenia, bordering on Iran and Afghanistan.

Meteorologists in Soviet Armenia reported they were stumped by the variable weather in the small republic bordering on Turkey. In some areas, the temperature this month reached 59 F, while higher elevations were swept with Arctic cold at minus 4 F. Up to 1.80 meters (nearly 6 feet) of snow fell in some mountainous regions, the biggest snowfalls in 50 years, and many villages on the high plateaus were temporarily isolated by heavy snows.

"It seems that nature is mixing a cocktail of sun and snow, warmth and ice, while adding to the exotic mixture such 'spices' as icy roads, thaw, fog and snow drops," *Trud*, the trade union daily, reported Friday from Yerevan, the Armenian capital.

Soviet weathermen said they were even more mystified by the mild weather in the western and Baltic regions. At Leningrad, twice flooded this winter by the Neva River, the temperature stayed near freezing on Christmas Day — it was 41 F in Riga, Latvia, 43 F in Kiev and even warmer in the southern Ukraine and 37 F in Moscow.

Anacin-3 removed from U.S. drug stores

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (AP) — An American drug store chain pulled Anacin-3 pain relievers from its stores in five states Friday after California health officials announced they found cyanide in 10 maximum strength capsules from a single bottle.

The incident was the latest in a spate of reported contaminations — some unfounded — since seven Chicago-area people died after taking cyanide-laced extra-strength capsules earlier this year. The latest tainted capsules were in a 20-capsule, non-tamper-resistant bottle with the same code number as that on a bottle of cyanide-laced Anacin-3 that left a San Jose housewife ill in November. California health services department spokesman Pete Weisser said. They were bought at a San Pedro drugstore this month.

Tests have not been completed on the other 10 capsules in the bottle, Weisser said. Weisser said the tainted capsules, purchased from a San-On drugstore in San Pedro on Dec. 8, each contained 20 milligrams of cyanide. "This is less than a lethal dose for a single capsule, but consumption of several capsules could cause death," Weisser said. The code number on the bottle was F229.

San-On officials removed all Anacin-3 products not in tamper-resistant containers from stores in California, Nevada, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Weisser said the San Pedro consumer, described only as a female, turned the bottle over to authorities after the San Jose incident which involved maximum strength Anacin-3 capsules with the same code number. San Jose is about 482

kms northwest of San Pedro.

The San Jose housewife, Susan Bowen, 30, suffered a seizure in late November after taking the capsule. She was hospitalized for two weeks and suffered brain damage which triggered neurological problems, including speech difficulties, doctors said.

Fraud fugitive recaptured

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (AP) — A man who jumped bail after being convicted of trying to defraud two banks of \$32 million has been recaptured on the small island of Dominica in the West Indies, the U.S. attorney's office announced.

U.S. Attorney Stephen Trott said Friday that Joseph Hartford Graham was taken into custody Thursday morning by Dominica police at the request of the U.S. State Department. The prosecutor in the case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Kendall, said the elaborate fraud scheme began when Graham contacted European money brokers, claimed he represented Crocker National Bank and said Crocker wanted to borrow up to \$30 million in bank-to-bank loans from Swiss banks.

Kendall said Graham then went to Crocker, told them he was a political exile from Liberia with hundreds of millions of dollars in family money in Swiss banks and said he wanted to transfer a large amount to an account at Crocker. Crocker officials were dubious at first, Kendall said, but Graham

soon thereafter had \$27 million transferred into the account. Crocker officials did not know the money had come from Swiss banks as a loan to Crocker, Kendall said. Kendall did not identify the Swiss banks involved.

During Graham's trial, Kendall claimed the man intended to use the money for a variety of investments. But when Graham tried to withdraw \$3 million, Crocker officials became suspicious and stopped all transactions on the account, Kendall said.

After that, Kendall said, Graham tried the same scheme at Security Pacific National Bank with \$5 million from Swiss banks. However, Security Pacific officials became suspicious of Graham shortly before the money was turned over to him and called the FBI, Kendall said.

Graham was arrested shortly afterward and was convicted Aug. 25 on nine federal fraud charges. After his conviction, Graham was freed on \$100,000 bail pending sentencing and fled the country about six weeks later. He was located in Dominica by investigators for the FBI and the U.S. Marshall's service.

Warsaw Pact summit Jan. 4

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (AP) — The upcoming Warsaw Pact summit in Czechoslovakia will have special significance.

Government and party chiefs of the seven Warsaw Pact nations will meet in the "first half" of January, the official news agency Tass has reported. Unofficial reports say the summit will be Jan. 4-5.

Vladimir Zagladin, first deputy of the Communist Party's international department, said on a Soviet television program that the biennial summit "always has a big significance, and I am convinced that this session will gain a special significance because of the big international problems which 1983 will face."



The Joint Board for Postgraduate Medical Education will sponsor a SYMPOSIUM ON INFERTILITY on Sunday, 9 January 1983 at the College of Medicine, King Saud University, Riyadh.

Visiting lecturers from abroad, as well as lecturers from the College of Medicine, King Saud University, Riyadh Military Hospital, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and the Ministry of Health, will participate.

Please call or write to the Joint Board Office, College of Medicine, P.O. Box 2925, telephone 481-1853, for reservations and further information.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min			Max				Min			Max				
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Amsterdam	1	34		4	39	cloudy		10	50	16	61		clear		
Athens	12	54		15	59	clear	Los Angeles	23	73	31	88		clear		
Bahrein	13	55	17				Manila	23	73	24	75		cloudy		
Bangkok	19	66		30	86	clear	Miami	-3	25	0	32		rain		
Belgrade	2	36	4	39	snow		Montreal	2	36	27	81		cloudy		
Berlin	-2	28	1	34	cloudy		Moscow	2	36	7	45		cloudy		
Brussels	3	37	5	41	cloudy		New York	5	41	12	54		cloudy		
Buenos Aires	21	70	33	92	clear	Niagara	7	45	16	61	cloudy				
Cairo	10	50	22	72	cloudy	Oslo	-2	28	10	34	cloudy				
Cancun	20	68	28	82	clear	Paris	1	34	6	43	cloudy				
Chicago	12	54	61	16	rain	Peking	-4	25	3	37	clear				
Copenhagen	2	36	5	36	sleet	Rio de Janeiro	17	63	23	73	clear				
Dublin	8	46	10	50	cloudy	Rome	20	68	36	97	rain				
Frankfurt	0	32	1	34	clear	San Francisco	3	41	10	50	cloudy				
Geneva	-1	30	2	36	clear	Seoul	8	46	14	57	clear				
Helsinki	2	36	4	39	rain	Singapore	-5	23	0	32	clear				
Hong Kong	19	66	24	75	clear	Stockholm	24	75	28	82	rain				
Honolulu	18	64	28	82	clear	Sydney	0	32	3	36	cloudy				
Jakarta	23	72	30	86	rain	Taipei	19	66	22	72	cloudy				
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain	Tokyo	13	55	19	66	cloudy				
Lima	20	68	27	81	clear	Toronto	6	43	13	55	clear				
Lisbon	9	48	14	57	cloudy	Vancouver	2	36	8	46	rain				
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